

Tea Time

Trump, Cruz Protest Iran Deal At Capitol Rally

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, greet each other on stage during a rally organized by Tea Party Patriots in on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, to oppose the Iran nuclear agreement.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential rivals and friends-for-now Donald Trump and Ted Cruz on

Wednesday savaged the proposed nuclear agreement with Iran, calling it an incompetently negotiated deal that will cost countless American and Israeli lives.

"We are led by very, very stupid people," Trump, the Republican front-runner weighed in, at a midday rally on Capitol Hill. He called the deal "incom-

petent" and poised to fail in the fight against Islamic militants. "We will have so much winning if I get elected, that you may get bored with winning."

Cruz, who invited Trump to the event, said supporters of the deal will have blood on their hands.

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Migrants finding little sympathy in Hungary for their plight

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BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — A makeshift camp of thousands from the Middle East, Asia and Africa has been dismantled at Budapest's Keleti train station, and its inhabitants have left for

come.

"If they couldn't solve their problems back where they live, why do they think they're going to be able to solve them here?" Szabo said.

Such lack of sympathy is a striking feature of the massive march this summer

dominate in small towns that strongly support the ultranationalist Jobbik party.

"Many Hungarians are racist. They lack self-confidence and see their identity under threat. And our government exploits these feelings to boost its own popularity," said Zsuzsanna

one intending to stay in Hungary anyway.

"The government says they don't want immigrants here and they can't take our jobs away," said satirist Gergely Kovacs, a 35-year-old graphic designer. "But the truth is that nobody wants to come here. Every

sour their outlook on the foreign influx. In 2011, Orban seized the public's private pension funds worth \$13 billion to cover government debt and help the country exit an International Monetary Fund bailout. Its sales tax is 27 percent, the highest in Europe, and Hungary has one of the lowest average wages in Europe, barely \$600 a month.

"The volunteers were throwing food and clothes at the migrants, and they wouldn't give me a stinking sandwich. Why are they so generous with them and not with me?" said Korneliusz Lecz, a former chemical engineer who is homeless. As he sat near Keleti station, he blamed the refugees for an ailment in his left eye, saying they had brought "contagious diseases."

Near the border with Serbia, farmers express resentment of people running through their fields of corn and sunflowers. They wonder how the migrants could afford to pay smugglers more than \$3,000 for the journey.

"They are not poor. I am poor," said Denes Csonka, 55, sitting next to his small fields of melons, cabbage and sun-scorched corn stalks near the border town of Roszke. "Yet I have seen them almost every night taking food from my fields and trampling my crops. They are taking food from my own mouth, and they do not even ask before they do it."

Such frustrations find their grass-roots voice in Jobbik (pronounced YOB-ick), which has become the No. 2 party in opinion polls as it assails Orban's Fidesz party for being too soft on immigrants and minorities, including Gypsies, gays and Jews. On Saturday, Jobbik activists demonstrated for sterner action, waving signs that read, "Deportation, not work permits!" and "Border closures! We don't want immigrants!"

"Whoever is a liberal is scum," said Levente Muranyi, a 75-year-old former Jobbik lawmaker at the rally. He called left-wing support for aiding migrants "tantamount to treason." □



People gather at the railway track in a camp near the Hungarian border with Serbia, in Roszke, southern Hungary, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. Leaders of the United Nations refugee agency warned Tuesday that Hungary faces a bigger wave of migrants in the next few days and will need international help to provide aid and shelter on its border.

(AP Photo/Matthias Schrader)

Germany. But the loathing of them lingers in Hungary, which hopes to build a border fence strong enough to keep out future waves of asylum seekers.

"We need the fence," said Istvan Szabo, a 43-year-old lathe operator having a beer at a bar next to the station, where hundreds seeking refuge in the European Union still line up daily to buy tickets to Western Europe.

The tent city sprang up last month when the government blocked the asylum seekers from traveling by train to Austria and Germany. Authorities finally gave in last weekend and sent buses to take them to the border with Austria.

Szabo, like many in this socially conservative land of 10 million, says he doesn't understand why they've

from Turkey through southeastern Europe. Many of the trekkers interviewed by The Associated Press say their worst experiences have come in Hungary, where farmers hiss at them in disapproval and the government leaves their care mostly up to unpaid volunteers.

A recent opinion poll sponsored by the Budapest think tank Republikon found that just 19 percent believe Hungary has a duty to take in refugees, while 66 percent deem them a threat and should not be let in. The Ipsos survey of 2,000 people, published Aug. 27 as the Keleti camp was growing, had a margin of error below 3 percentage points.

The findings reflect a country where ethnic minorities barely exist outside Budapest and right-wing beliefs

Zohar, 36, who has helped lead volunteer efforts to give food, water, medical aid and other help to those passing through Hungary.

"It can be hard to convince Hungarians that these people don't want to take our jobs, our homes, our women, our dogs," she said, laughing at the absurdity of the idea.

Yet Hungary at times has become a theater of the absurd, with police expending great effort to marshal the migrants to specific spots, only to watch them walk straight out again to snarl traffic.

Government billboards warn the newcomers to respect the country's laws and culture, but the signs all are in Hungarian, which virtually none of them can read.

Then again, it's hard to find

immigrant would spend just three days here if we kept the borders open. There's no need to hate them because they're leaving as quickly as possible."

Kovacs' tongue-in-cheek political movement, the Two-Tailed Dog Party, has mocked Prime Minister Viktor Orban's anti-immigrant campaign by erecting similarly designed billboards. One of them, in English, notes the hypocrisy in decrying immigration when hundreds of thousands of Hungarians have sought better-paid employment in Western Europe since the country was admitted to the EU in 2004.

"Come to Hungary," the billboard advises asylum seekers. "We've got jobs in London!"

Many Hungarians struggle to get by, and that helps to

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"You cannot wash your hands of that," he said, naming House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, both Republicans, as two men who could stand in the way.

"Any commander-in-chief worthy of defending this nation should be prepared to stand up on Jan. 20, 2017 and rip to shreds this catastrophic deal."

The pairing at Wednesday's rally, sponsored by tea party and pro-Israel activists, is the product of what Trump acknowledged beforehand as "a little bit of a romance" at this early stage of the 2016 presidential race. In fact, the senator and the real estate developer are competing for many of the same anti-establishment, core Republican activists. The two spoke outside the Capitol as Congress debated the deal, which is designed to keep Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. Republicans and Israel say Iran can't be trusted because its leaders want to annihilate the Jewish state.

The agreement struck by Iran, the U.S., China, Russia, France, Britain and Germany in July would provide Iran hundreds of billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions in exchange for a decade of constraints on the country's nuclear program.

The deal aims to keep Iran at least a year away from being able to produce enough nuclear material for a weapon.

In a speech earlier in the day, Democratic presidential contender Hillary Rodham Clinton said the deal was not perfect, but she defended it as a win for diplomacy that "blocks every pathway for Iran to get a bomb."

The comments marked a sharp contrast to Cruz and Trump, who lashed out at the agreement over and over without offering specific alternatives.

Both candidates also

slammed President Barack Obama's endorsement of the complex deal without negotiating the release of four Americans who remain in captivity in Iran. Trump added this pledge: "If I win the presidency I guarantee you that these four prisoners are back in our country before I ever take office."

Trump did not explain how he would accomplish that goal.

The event highlights the unique relationship between Trump and Cruz, a tea party hero who helped shut the federal government in 2013 and ultimately needs the same frustrated voters who have pushed Trump to a surprising lead in early polls.

As Republican competitors turn against Trump, Cruz has offered only praise. The strategy could pay dividends for Cruz in the coming months, if Trump drops out of the race.

Still, Trump assured the group: "I'm not dropping out of anything. I never drop out."

Some protesters carried Israeli flags, but more carried American flags. A few carried posters that said, "Jewish lives matter."

The day gave Trump an opportunity to address foreign policy less than a week after he struggled to answer basic questions about key players in the Middle East during a radio interview.

The protest won't change the ultimate approval of the international agreement, which has been clear for days: Even if a disapproval resolution should pass the House and Senate this week, President Barack Obama would veto it, and Democrats have the votes in hand to sustain his veto. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush's campaign released an Instagram video clip on the eve of the rally, using Trump's words against him. Asked in a 2007 CNN interview who he'd like to represent the U.S. in a deal with Iran, Trump responds, "I think Hillary would do a good job." □



Former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin speaks during a rally opposing the Iran nuclear deal outside the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015.

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Gay couple weds in Rowan County, Kentucky

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MOREHEAD, Kentucky (AP)

— After a five-day stint in jail for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, Kentucky county clerk Kim Davis will return to work as soon as Friday to face another day of reckoning.

The Apostolic Christian, now a symbol of strong religious conviction to thousands across the globe, would

gay marriage is a sin, Davis stopped issuing all marriage licenses.

Davis will take a couple of days off from work to spend with her family and will return to work Friday or Monday, according to Charla Bansley, a spokeswoman for Liberty Counsel, the Christian law firm representing Davis. Her statement did not say whether Davis would allow her office to grant licenses.

violate her conscience," said Mat Staver, founder of the Liberty Counsel, the Christian law firm representing Davis. As for what might happen next, he said "You'll find out in the near future." Staver said the licenses deputy clerks issued to same-sex couples last week were not valid because they were not given under Davis' authority. But the Kentucky attorney general's office said it believes



Allen Corona, 34, left, and Mark Shrayber, 32, from San Francisco, talk to the media after being issued a marriage license in by deputy clerks at the Rowan County Clerk's office Wednesday September 9, 2015 in Morehead, Ky. Deputy clerk Brian Mason says the office will issues licenses Wednesday in Davis' absence if anyone seeks them. Lawyers for Rowan County clerk Kim Davis say she will return to work Friday or Monday.

(AP Photo by John Flavell)

not say whether she would allow licenses to continue to be issued or try to block them once again, defying a federal court order that could send her back to jail. Davis walked out of the Carter County Detention Center's front door Tuesday, arm in arm with her lawyer and with Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, to a podium backed by a 150-voice church choir. Thousands of supporters and waved white crosses and sang "Amazing Grace" and "God Bless America." She was locked up last Thursday for the boldest act of resistance by a public official yet to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June that effectively legalized same-sex marriage across the nation. Citing "God's authority" and her belief that

At 8 a.m. Wednesday, her office at the Rowan County Courthouse in Morehead opened as scheduled. Deputy clerk Brian Mason said anyone seeking a license will get one. If Davis returns to work and tells him to stop, he said he'll tell her he can't obey her, and instead must follow a federal judge's order to issue licenses.

In lifting his contempt order against Davis, U.S. District Judge David Bunning said he was satisfied that her deputies were fulfilling their obligation to grant licenses to same-sex couples in her absence. But Bunning warned that she could go right back to jail if she interferes with the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples upon her return.

"Kim cannot and will not

otherwise.

Attorney General Jack Conway also said that for now, he won't appoint a special prosecutor to investigate whether Davis committed a state crime by refusing to issue licenses. One rejected couple had asked the local prosecutor to consider charging Davis with official misconduct, a misdemeanor applicable to public officials who neglect their duties. Rowan County Attorney Cecil Watkins cited a conflict of interest and passed the complaint to Conway.

At least one of the four couples that sued Davis have not yet received a marriage license. Five of Davis' six deputy clerks — all except her son, Nathan — agreed to issue licenses to gay couples with Davis behind bars. □

Marriage fraud scheme attempts to help Chinese get US residency

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An American man was told he could make \$18,000 for marrying a Chinese woman who needed a green card, so he agreed to get hitched at a California wedding studio and then took an all-expenses-paid trip to Las Vegas where he posed in photos with his new wife.

But the man was gay and vacationing with his boyfriend, while the woman already had a husband. Until he revealed his sexual orientation to an immigration officer during a green card interview, both couples had been caught up in an elaborate marriage fraud scheme that has netted organizers \$3.5 million since 2006, authorities say.

Federal authorities on Wednesday arrested Jason Shiao, a 65-year-old Southern California man they say posed as an attorney, and his 43-year-old daughter, Lynn Leung, on charges of conspiring to commit visa fraud by arranging phony marriages between Chinese citizens seeking legal residency and American spouses.

Authorities also charged Shannon Mendoza, 48, with recruiting Americans for the scheme. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents were still searching for Mendoza on Wednesday afternoon. Shiao and Leung's Pasadena-based business filed more than 70 fraudulent immigration petitions since October 2006, authorities said. It advertised in Chinese-language newspapers in California and charged Chinese citizens who came to the United States on tourist visas as much as \$50,000 for the company's services, ICE officials said.

The business even paid some Americans to travel abroad and snap photos with clients to make the marriages look more authentic to immigration officers reviewing green card applications, authorities said.

Claude Arnold, special agent in charge of ICE's homeland security investigations in Los Angeles, said marriage fraud has been rampant for more than two decades but is frequently downplayed and even romanticized on television and in movies such as "Green Card."

"It is glamorized in Hollywood movies as you are helping someone out," Arnold said. "The people who are facilitating this — they're not in it to help someone out. They're not a charitable organization. They're just trying to line their pockets."

Shiao and Leung were ordered released on bond during a federal court hearing in Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon. If convicted, each faces up to five years in prison, the U.S. attorney's office said.

As green card holders themselves, the father and daughter also could face the prospect of deportation. Both are dual citizens of China and Australia, authorities said.

A message left for Shiao's lawyer, Pedro Castillo, was not returned. Leung's attorney, Errol Stambler, declined to immediately comment on the allegations.

Immigration officials said they learned of the scheme in 2012 after an anonymous caller contacted a tip line.

Investigators determined that Shiao had been posing as a lawyer, and he and Leung had been pairing up couples and snapping photos of them in bridal gear and on purported honeymoon trips in a bid to make their marriages seem legitimate to immigration officers, authorities said. □



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US turns over fewer Clinton-related emails than ordered

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has failed to deliver nearly 70 pages of documents to The Associated Press, as instructed by a federal judge, about Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton's hiring of longtime aide Huma Abedin as a special government contract staffer. The department provided only seven pages of emails. Meanwhile, government lawyers asked another federal judge to delay releasing thousands of pages of documents from Clinton's tenure as secretary of state until January 2016.

The State Department's request to delay until next year its release emails and other Clinton-related documents sought by news media and legal and political organizations raised the prospect that significant information about Clinton's tenure as secretary of state might not surface until after crucial early Democratic Party presidential nomination contests in the states of Iowa and New Hampshire. Impatient with years of previous delays from the State Department over requests by the AP for emails and documents from Clinton and several of her top aides, U.S. District Court Judge Richard Leon set a strict schedule for release of the material last month that included an order to deliver to the AP an estimated 68 pages of documents related to Abedin by Tuesday. The AP sued the State Department last March because of delays stretching back to 2013 in the news agency's efforts to obtain documents about Clinton's diplomatic

stint under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act.

The department instead provided only five documents, two of them partially censored. A State Department official writing for John Hackett, the department's director of information programs and services, said further searches were still ongoing in agency offices. The government did not say whether it was also searching the files of former Clinton aides, as the AP had requested.

A State Department spokesman said the agency doesn't comment on cases in ongoing litigation, even though it had directed questions from the AP to a Justice Department lawyer, who did not respond to phone calls or emails from an AP reporter and an AP lawyer. Leon in August gave the State Department 30 days to produce records regarding Abedin, which he noted "have been estimated to be approximately 68 pages in total." Leon ordered the agency to deliver thousands of pages more between this month and March 2016 that include Clinton's schedules, the department's oversight of military contractor BAE Systems and emailed references to surveillance and counterterrorism programs. In a filing in a separate court case against the State Department, government lawyers cautioned that the agency's resources for processing requests for Clinton-related files "are strained to the limit." Government lawyers said more than 16,500 new requests for Clinton-related files have been filed since September 2014 and there are now 87 court challenges pending in federal courts. □



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the Brookings Institution in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. Clinton issued a hardline warning to Iran on Wednesday that as president she would "not hesitate" to take military action to stop the country from acquiring nuclear weapons. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)



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Massachusetts:

Teen charged with encouraging her boyfriend to kill self

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FAIRHAVEN, Massachusetts

(AP) — At first glance, the text messages appear to show a disturbing case of cyberbullying: one teen urging another to kill himself.

But the texts were not sent by a school bully. They were from a 17-year-old girl to her boyfriend, whom she called the love of her life.

"You can't think about it. You just have to do it. You said you were gonna do it. Like I don't get why you aren't," Michelle Carter allegedly wrote to Conrad Roy III the day he parked his truck outside a Fairhaven Kmart and killed himself through carbon monoxide poisoning.

Prosecutors have charged Carter with involuntary manslaughter in Roy's 2014 death. They say that in the week before Roy killed himself, Carter assisted by urging him to overcome his doubts about taking his own life, pressuring him to do it and even telling him to get back in his truck after becoming frightened that the plan was working.



Michelle Carter listens at Juvenile Court in New Bedford, Mass. Carter, 18, of Plainville, Mass., is charged with involuntary manslaughter for allegedly pressuring Conrad Roy III, 18, of Fairhaven, Mass., to commit suicide on July 13, 2014. (Peter Pereira/AP)

Carter's lawyer has strenuously denied that she pushed him to kill himself and has asked a judge to dismiss the case.

In their written response, prosecutors included text exchanges between Carter and Roy that they say support their claim that Carter caused her boyfriend's death by "wanton-

ly and recklessly" helping him poison himself.

Roy, 18, had a history of depression and had attempted suicide two years earlier, taking an overdose of the painkiller acetaminophen.

"You can't keep living this way. You just need to do it like you did the last time and not think about it and

just do it, babe," Carter texted him.

Carter's lawyer, Joseph Cataldo, said her texts amount to speech protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. He said it's clear from the exchanges that Roy had made up his mind to take his own life and Carter, now 18, did not cause his

death.

"He got the generator, he devised the plan and he had to go find a spot. He parked, he had to get the gas for the generator, he had to turn the generator on, he had to sit in that car for a long period of time. He caused his own death," Cataldo said.

"He had thought this out. He wanted to take his own life. It's sad, but it's not manslaughter."

After his earlier suicide attempt, Roy spent time in a psychiatric hospital and received counseling, said his aunt, Becki Maki. In the weeks before his death, he was excited about graduating from high school and receiving his sea captain's license, she said.

"He did not have the signs of someone who was considering that," Maki said.

Carter and Roy met about two years earlier while each was visiting relatives in Florida. They kept in touch, mostly through texts and email, upon returning to Massachusetts. They lived about 50 miles apart and hadn't seen each other for about a year before Roy died.

Roy used a gasoline-operated water pump to poison himself with carbon monoxide.

While discussing the plan, Carter appears to taunt Roy. "But I bet you're gonna be like 'oh, it didn't work because I didn't tape the tube right or something like that,'" she wrote. "I bet you're gonna say an excuse like that ... you seem to always have an excuse." Cataldo said Carter had tried repeatedly to talk Roy out of killing himself and only decided to support his plan when it became clear she could not change his mind. □

Minnesota man pleads guilty in Islamic State case

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — One of seven men awaiting trial in Minnesota on charges of plotting to travel to Syria to join the Islamic State group admitted Wednesday that he knew its members had carried out beheadings, taken hostages and raped women, but he believed they were fighting evil and he wanted to join anyway. Hanad Mustafe Musse, 19, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of conspiracy to provide ma-

terial support to a foreign terrorist organization, specifically, the Islamic State group. Musse admitted to meeting with his co-defendants several times to plan travel to Syria. He said he made two attempts himself, but was stopped.

"I have committed a terrorist act and I'm guilty of it, your honor," Musse told U.S. District Judge Michael Davis. Musse faces a maximum of 15 years in prison; a sentencing date has not been set.

Musse is among a group of

men arrested in April and charged with terrorism-related offenses. Authorities described them as friends in the state's large Somali community who recruited and inspired each other and met secretly to plan their travels. Another co-defendant was arrested earlier this year.

Musse's guilty plea could signal more to come. Defense attorney Marsh Halberg, who is not connected to this case, said it's common that once one person in a conspira-

cy flips, there is a cascading effect and more plea deals follow.

Authorities have said about a dozen people have left Minnesota to join jihadi groups in Syria.

In court Wednesday, Musse admitted that he and his co-defendants were part of the conspiracy, along with two others: Abullahi Yusuf, who has already pleaded guilty in the case and is cooperating with the government, and Abdi Nur, who traveled to Syria in May 2014. □

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Fears of 'Guantanamo north' amid search for prison sites

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Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Attorney Omar Farah met with three clients last month at the prison on the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and each worriedly asked a version of the same

the most vocal advocates for shuttering the prison are concerned that closure will simply mean creating a "Guantanamo north," moving detainees to a less high-profile location, while continuing to hold them indefinitely.

now the detainee population appears to have bogged down as authorities wrestle with what to do with those who cannot easily be brought to trial but are considered too dangerous to free, and others who have been cleared for

down is, "What do you think is going to happen?" said Farah, who has been trying to persuade a court to order Ba Odah's immediate release. "It's very unnerving for them."

Expected to be submitted soon to Congress, the administration's closure plan will include a request to lift a ban on transferring detainees to the U.S. Officials have not disclosed details, but the Defense Department has scouted potential prison sites in Kansas, South Carolina and elsewhere.

Myles Caggins, a spokesman for the National Security Council, said the president still has "a steadfast commitment to closing the Guantanamo detention facility."

But others have made it clear closure will not mean a halt to open-ended detention.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter said recently that about half the prisoners "are not safe to release, period."

"Some of the people who are there at Guantanamo Bay have to be detained indefinitely, OK? They just got to be locked up," Carter said. "So if they're not locked up in Guantanamo Bay, they need to be locked up somewhere."

Opponents of the Gitmo detention center say the U.S. should try to prosecute whomever they can and release the rest.

A transfer stateside could result in some benefits for prisoners, such as easier access to lawyers and perhaps the first visits by family members. But Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, said

any gains would be undermined by maintaining a policy of indefinite detention.

"No one would think that is a fulfillment of his pledge to close Guantanamo," Roth said. "It would just be a transfer of the problem."

Of the 116 prisoners remaining at Guantanamo, 52 have been cleared for release. But most of those are from Yemen, which Washington considers too unstable to send prisoners. Resettling detainees in third countries has been tricky, in part because the defense secretary has been slow to give final security assurances required by Congress. The last to leave were six Yemenis sent to Oman in June in a deal that had been a year in the making. The remaining 64 include some in various stages of prosecution, such as five facing a long-stalled trial by military commission for alleged roles in orchestrating the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Prosecutors say relatively few could be tried for war crimes by military commissions, and could only be charged if sent to U.S. civilian courts. Thirty-two are under a "law of war detention" designation, meaning the U.S. doesn't have evidence to charge them but asserts the right to detain them until the end of hostilities. The uncertain nature of the terror conflict means they could theoretically be held forever.

Roth said officials fear the political consequences if released detainees were to attack the U.S. in the future, but argued that the risk is overstated. □



Military personnel stand inside the brand new Camp 6 maximum security jail on the Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba. Expected to be submitted soon to Congress, the U.S. administration's closure plan for the prison will include a request to lift a ban on transferring detainees to the U.S. Officials have not disclosed details, but the Defense Department has scouted potential prison sites in Kansas, South Carolina and elsewhere.

(AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

question: Are we going to the United States?

President Barack Obama will soon present a new plan to close the Guantanamo detention center in an attempt to finally fulfill a pledge made the first day of his first term in office, and remove what many consider a stain on the country's human rights record.

But with the administration evaluating possible sites to hold Guantanamo inmates in the United States, even

"Guantanamo is a symbol of injustice because many of the men there have been imprisoned without charge or trial for more than a decade," said Jameel Jaffer, deputy legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union. "Moving the men to a prison in the United States won't address this injustice; it will just create a new Guantanamo in place of the old one."

Meanwhile an effort to win-

release but can't be sent to their home countries.

Farah's clients fall into the latter category: All three have been approved for release since at least 2009, including Tariq Ba Odah, who has dropped to 74 pounds because of an ongoing hunger strike. All they want after 13 years of confinement is to get out, not to be sent to a different lockup in the United States. "One of the first questions they asked when we sat

Battle shaping up in Europe over migrant quotas

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union implored its member countries Wednesday to better share the burden of refugees flooding the continent, but the numbers involved were small compared with the half-million who have already arrived and the hundreds of thousands more on their way.

With Syrians, Eritreans and Afghans often hoping to settle in wealthy nations like Germany and Sweden, the EU is struggling find a more equitable solution that would also send a fair share of refugees to less-desirable and less-welcoming places such as Slovakia and the Baltics.

Hours after EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said Europe had a historic duty to act and relocate 160,000 who have arrived in overwhelmed Hungary, Greece and Italy, a number of Eastern European and Baltic states vowed to reject the imposition of any kind of quotas from Brussels.

The plan is a drop in the ocean for an economic power like the EU, where a half-billion people live, compared with efforts by Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan, which are hosting more than 4 million refugees, mostly from Syria.

But despite the troubling scenes of drowned children on beaches, or thousands of people running at razor-wire fences or crammed into buses and trains, the 28 nations simply cannot agree on modest proposals, let alone profound ways to tackle Europe's biggest refugee emergency since World War II.

With battle lines drawn, the

scene is set for an ugly confrontation when EU interior ministers meet Sept. 14.

"If all the focus is on redistributing quotas of refugees around Europe, that won't solve the problem, and it actually sends a message

no sea you would not sail, no border you would not cross."

The Commission's new plan involves sharing 120,000 refugees from Greece, Italy and Hungary among 22 member states, on top of

people have entered Europe this year, including over 256,000 crossing the sea to Greece and nearly 120,000 braving the Mediterranean to reach Italy. Hungary estimates that more than 160,000 have



Parliament members display posters while European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker delivers his State of the Union address at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. Juncker called on EU countries to agree by next week to share 160,000 refugees, warning that Greece, Italy and Hungary can no longer cope alone.

(AP Photo/Christian Lutz)

that it is a good idea to get on a boat and make that perilous journey," British Prime Minister David Cameron told lawmakers in London. In the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, Juncker said that now is the time for action because "the refugee crisis will not simply go away." He underlined that 500,000 migrants have entered Europe this year, many from Syria and Libya.

"Imagine for a second it were you, your child in your arms, the world you knew torn apart around you," Juncker said. "There is no wall you would not climb,

a proposal the EU's executive made in May to share 40,000 refugees from just Greece and Italy.

Britain, Ireland and Denmark are not legally bound to take part. Greece, Italy and Hungary are too overwhelmed to participate. Despite the urgency, the EU's first refugee plan never won full support, and only about 32,000 refugees have been allocated. Hungary was among the countries to reject it, along with the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland.

According to the International Organization for Migration, more than 378,000

crossed its borders alone this year.

The U.N. refugee agency warned Tuesday that 42,000 could arrive there in the next 10 days.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel backed the new immigration plan and also called for it to be made compulsory.

"We need a binding agreement on a binding distribution of refugees among all member states, according to fair criteria," Merkel said in Berlin. Germany has taken in more than any other EU country and would have to accept over 31,000 more under the plan. □

Greece's Tsipras admits mistakes ahead of polling

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ELENA BECATOROS

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's left wing leader Alexis Tsipras admitted making mistakes in negotiations for a massive new bailout agreement, during a televised election debate late Wednesday, but insisted the deal would safeguard the country's financial future.

The 41-year-old Tsipras is seeking re-election in the snap Sept. 20 poll, called after the 86 billion-euro (\$96 billion) rescue deal reached in July split his Syriza party over the harsh austerity measures demanded in return.

"There were mistakes and exaggerations, but they were corrected at the critical moment," said Tsipras, who spent much of the debate on the defensive.

"We did not surrender. We reached a painful compromise that has many positive elements for the Greek people."

Greece is expected to sink back into recession this year after briefly emerging from a six-year contraction.

The prospect of continued hardship and the split in Syriza has seen Tsipras lose a huge lead in opinion polls that now put him in a dead heat with rival conservatives.

Smaller parties have also gained support, meaning the winner of this month's election would likely require the backing of at least two coalition partners.

But one possible Tsipras ally, Socialist leader Fofi Gennimata, criticized the government's seven-month record in office during the live debate. "If there was a Golden Raspberry award for the economy,

Mr. Tsipras would definitely be the winner," she said.

"He turned surpluses into deficits, emptied out welfare funds, and took us to the brink of euro exit and catastrophe." □

Russia, Germany, France and Ukraine discuss peace deal

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin says leaders of Russia, Germany, France and Ukraine have had a conference call to discuss the implementation of a peace deal for eastern Ukraine. The Kremlin said Russian

President Vladimir Putin conferred Wednesday with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Francois Hollande and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko about the pull-out of weapons, holding

local elections, offering a special status for the rebel regions and other issues related to February's peace deal. It said Putin particularly emphasized the need for a direct dialogue between the Ukrainian government

and the rebel territories.

The Kremlin said foreign ministers of the four nations will continue discussions in Berlin this weekend, and the four heads of states are set to meet in Paris on Oct. 2. □

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Lebanese protests resume as leaders debate trash crisis

ZEINA KARAM
BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Thousands of Lebanese demonstrators braved a sandstorm and oppressive humidity to take to Beirut streets on Wednesday and rally against government dysfunction, as politicians met for the first round of talks aimed at averting a political crisis that stemmed from a trash crisis that has engulfed the country's capital.

Activists near the parliament building, which was closed off by security forces, shouted "thieves!" and hurled eggs as politicians' convoys drove by.

Tensions rose further after a morning gathering of lawmakers and senior politicians ended without results, while the Cabinet convened late into the night to discuss the deadlock. Outside the government building, protesters chanted: "Revolution, revolution against the system."

Just before midnight, the government said it had approved a plan that promises to end the trash crisis. "They are feeling the sand shifting under them," Elias Nassour, a 28-year-old protester, said of the government leaders. "Nothing will pass so easily anymore. They can't belittle us anymore."

The trash crisis has ignited the largest Lebanese protests in years and has emerged as a festering symbol of the government's paralysis and failure to provide basic services. It was sparked by popular anger over the heaps of trash accumulating in Beirut's streets after authorities closed the capital's main landfill on July 17 and failed to provide an alternative. The protests quickly moved

beyond just the trash in the streets to target an entire political class that has dominated the country and undermined its growth

since the civil war ended in 1990. Lebanon has a confessional power-sharing system that often leads to incessant bickering and cro-

nyism among the country's politicians.

Thousands of people have taken part in huge demonstrations over the past

two weeks. Among other things, they are demanding new parliament elections, to be followed by presidential elections.

The country has been without a president for over a year, and members of parliament have illegally extended their term twice amid disputes over an election law.

After meeting for three and a half hours, leaders of Lebanon's various sectarian blocs issued a brief statement, saying the talks would resume in a week.

"They did not even bother to meet tomorrow or the day after, they postponed it for a week and came out without any decision," said Assaad Thebian, an organizer with the main group behind the protests, which calls itself "You Stink."

"They showed that they are indifferent and should not be in leadership positions," he told The Associated Press. □



Lebanese anti-government protesters shout slogans during a protest against the on-going trash crisis and government corruption in downtown Beirut, Lebanon, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. Lebanon's prime minister says he hopes that political talks between senior politicians will help end government paralysis that has sparked angry street protests.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

Syria:

Al-Qaida, other groups take last army base in Idlib

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — After a two-year siege, al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria and other insurgents on Wednesday captured the one remaining Syrian army air base in Idlib province, a development that activists said effectively expelled the last of President Bashar Assad's military from the northwestern province.

It was the latest in a series of setbacks for Assad in Syria's bitter civil war, now in its fifth year. Syria's embattled president has acknowledged the losses, saying the army has had to relinquish some areas in the north to be able to better defend core areas seen as

more critical to the government.

A state television report said the army pulled out from the Abu Zuhour air base and that the troops "evacuated their positions and moved to another" location.

This makes Idlib the second of Syria's 14 provinces to completely fall out of Syrian army control. Earlier this year, militant groups captured the provincial capital, also called Idlib, as well as other towns and villages. The province of Raqqah fell to Islamic State extremists last year, after IS militants captured its provincial capital, also called Raqqah, in January 2014. The Islamic State group has since de-

clared the city as the seat of its caliphate that spans a third of both Syria and Iraq. Al-Qaida's Syria branch — known as the Nusra Front and a top rival of the Islamic State — and other Islamic insurgents now control nearly all of Idlib province, except for the predominantly Shiite villages of Foua and Kfarya, which pro-government militiamen hold. Syrian state TV quoted an unnamed military official as saying that troops pulled out of the Idlib base with weapons, and that none of the equipment and warplanes left behind "were usable."

The military official said the attack on the base was carried out by "terrorist groups

receiving support from Erdogan's government," referring to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan who is a strong supporter of Syrian opposition groups. The Syrian government refers to all groups fighting against Assad's forces as "terrorists." The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said insurgents, including members of the Nusra Front, captured the base under the cover of a sandstorm and forced government forces out of their last post in Idlib province, which borders Turkey. The Nusra Front is part of a coalition of insurgent groups called Jaish al-Fateh, or Army of Conquest, which has captured most of Idlib.

Boats carrying Indians bombed between Yemen and Somalia

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SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Warplanes bombed two boats carrying 20 Indian crew members as the vessels traveled between Somalia and Yemen, India's Foreign Ministry said Wednesday, a day after the Yemeni coast guard said a Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemeni Shiite rebels bombed boats off the war-torn country's coast. Thirteen crew members are

alive and seven are missing, Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup said in a statement. He said authorities are trying to gather more information. He didn't elaborate on who may have carried out the attack. Yemeni coast guard officials said Tuesday that a Saudi-led coalition attacked more than five boats off the Yemeni coast, the same day the Indian boats were bombed. Offi-

cials with the rebels, known as Houthis, said the boats were carrying fishermen and weren't connected to them. It wasn't immediately clear if the two incidents were the same. Saudi Arabia is leading a coalition of mainly Gulf nations fighting the Houthis, who seized the capital, Sanaa, last September. Yemen's rebel-controlled Ministry of Health said six civilians were killed and 10 wounded as a result of

Saudi-led airstrikes in the capital Sanaa on Wednesday, as the sound of airstrikes continued into the evening. In the city of Taiz, five civilians were killed and at least 20 wounded amid fighting between rebels and their opponents, independent security and medical officials said. The impoverished country is torn between the Houthis, allied with army units loyal to former President Ali

Abdullah Saleh, and forces loyal to exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi. Hadi fled to Saudi Arabia in March, hours before the Saudi-led coalition began its airstrikes against the Houthis. The conflict has killed over 2,100 civilians, according to the United Nations. All Yemeni officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to brief reporters. □

Thai police: suspect handed backpack to Bangkok bomber

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Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Police said Wednesday a key suspect in last month's deadly Bangkok blast has admitted he handed a backpack containing a bomb to a man in a yellow shirt who was later seen leaving a similar bag at a downtown shrine just before the blast occurred.

The account offered the first possible reconstruction of events leading to the Aug. 17 attack at Erawan Shrine, an unprecedented act of violence in the Thai capital that left 20 people dead and more than 120 injured. Authorities say they still don't know the motive but are also reluctant to call the blast an act of terrorism, which would harm Thailand's image as a tourist destination.

After an initial slow start, police have arrested two foreigners, raided two apartments on the outskirts of Bangkok where they



Police officers joke with a key suspect in last month's Bangkok bombing, identified by Thai police as Yusufu Mierili, around a central Bangkok shopping center during a reenactment for the Aug. 17 bombing at Bangkok's popular Erawan Shrine that left 20 people dead and more than 120 injured, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015.

(AP Photo/Mark Baker)

confiscated bomb-making materials, and say they are looking for 10 other suspects. Several Turkish and Chinese links to the blast

have boosted a theory that the bombing was to avenge Thailand's forced repatriation of more than 100 ethnic Uighurs to Chi-

na in July. Uighurs (pronounced WEE-gurs) are related to Turks, and Turkey is home to a large Uighur community.

The Erawan Shrine is especially popular with Chinese tourists, feeding the idea that it could be a target for people who believe the Uighurs are oppressed by China's government.

One of the men in custody, identified as Yusufu Mierili, was arrested Sept. 1 near the Thai-Cambodia border carrying a Chinese passport and has confessed to playing a key role in the attack, police said. The passport indicated he was from China's western region of Xinjiang, home to the Turkic-speaking Uighurs. His DNA and fingerprints were found in the two apartments police raided, including on a container of gunpowder in one of the apartments.

On Tuesday, police took Mierili back to the apartments and also to a chemical supply shop where he said he bought "four substances" used to make the bomb, national police spokesman Prawut Thavornsiri said Wednesday. □

Li says Chinese economic growth in 'proper range'

JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China's No. 2 leader tried Wednesday to mollify foreign concerns about its economic slowdown, saying growth is in the "proper range" and Beijing has no plans to allow its currency to decline further.

Speaking at a meeting of the World Economic Forum in the eastern city of Dalian, Premier Li Keqiang said Beijing will stick to plans for

market-opening reforms despite recent "fluctuations" in economic performance. Communist leaders are in the midst of an unusually high-level effort to calm global financial markets after a collapse in Chinese stock prices and abrupt downturns in manufacturing and exports.

The central bank governor, finance minister and securities regulatory agency issued similar statements last

weekend that stock market turmoil was ending and the economy was stable.

"The underlying trend of the economy is still moving in a positive direction," said Li, the country's No. 2 leader and its top economic official. Pointing to data showing more than 7 million urban jobs were created in the first half of the year, he said, "all this shows the Chinese economy has been running within the proper range."

Li announced no new initiatives but touched on a wide range of issues that are sensitive for foreign investors in a clear attempt to assure them business conditions would remain stable.

China's economy has cooled steadily over the past two years as communist leaders try to steer it to more self-sustaining growth based on domestic consumption instead of exports and investment. But foreign concern about a possible

"hard landing," with slumping growth fueling political tensions, spiked up after trade and factory activity fell in July and August.

Li said current growth, forecast by the government at about 7 percent for the full year, is acceptable so long as it generates enough jobs.

The premier said Beijing has no further plans to allow its yuan to decline in value following a surprise Aug. 11 devaluation. □



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New Venezuelan border closure strands cars, workers

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Associated Press
PARAGUACHON, Colombia (AP) — Venezuela's sudden decision to close another major border crossing with Colombia has left workers, vacationers and members of a nomadic indigenous community stranded, and further escalated tensions between the neighboring countries. President Nicolas Maduro ordered the main crossing in Venezuela's biggest state closed Monday night as part of a two-week-old anti-smuggling offensive. The offensive has shelters and human rights groups in Colombia struggling to absorb thousands of migrants who have fled their Venezuelan homes. The crackdown had targeted Tachira state across the border from Cucuta, a Boston-size city in Colombia that has long relied on smuggled gas, food and other goods purchased in Venezuela at bargain-basement subsidized prices. In moving his focus north to Zulia state, Maduro is encroaching on a more vital economic hub around the oil metropolis of Maracaibo, Venezuela's second-largest city. His administration took out an advertisement in the New York Times Wednesday, saying that Venezuela needed to take steps to combat smugglers who would do the country harm, but was committed to respecting human rights and supporting peace. But Colombia took the newest closure as an affront, with President Juan Manuel Santos saying Wednesday that he had opened channels of communication and Venezuela had responded by shutting even more of the border.

In his angriest statements to date, Santos went after the 16 year-old "Bolivarian" socialist revolution launched by late President Hugo Chavez.

der checkpoint Tuesday night as bored soldiers watched a soccer game. Venezuelan bus driver Hector Medina had spent the whole sweltering day

in crime and contraband along Venezuela's western edge. Nearly 20,000 more Colombians, some of whom have lived in Venezuela

of the border who don't recognize the international division. The tribe has long dominated economic life on the isolated Guajira peninsula, shared by both countries on South America's northern tip, and is heavily involved in smuggling, which they don't consider an illicit act. Venezuelan authorities said they will respect the Wayuu's traditional nomadism and increase education grant programs even as an additional 3,000 troops are deployed to Zulia. "They are masters of their own land," Vice President Jorge Arreaza said. "They will be free to move back and forth, just not with contraband." But some members of the indigenous community said they had been blocked at checkpoints and would have to try to sneak across the border. Leaders were already publicly denouncing the closure by Tuesday afternoon. "I don't think this is what we deserve, because all we do is take care of our land," said Wayuu activist Ricardo Fernandez. Maduro said more border crossings could be closed in the coming days. In the same address, he offered to take in 20,000 refugees from the civil war in Syria. In recent days Colombia has stepped up a diplomatic campaign against the border offensive. □



A man sells arepas as Colombian soldiers patrol the border between Colombia and Venezuela, in Paraguachon, Colombia, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has expanded an anti-smuggling offensive along the country's frontier with Colombia, and ordered another main crossing, this one in Paraguachon, closed Monday night as part of a two-week-old anti-smuggling offensive. (AP Photo/Fernando Vergara)

"I'm not destroying the Bolivarian revolution," he said. "The revolution is self-destructing because of its own effects, not because of the Colombians." Santos also reiterated his willingness to engage in direct dialogue with Maduro to resolve the crisis, perhaps under the auspices of Uruguay. A long line of cars waited for a chance to pass through a fenced-up bor-

der checkpoint Tuesday night as bored soldiers watched a soccer game. Venezuelan bus driver Hector Medina had spent the whole sweltering day

in crime and contraband along Venezuela's western edge. Nearly 20,000 more Colombians, some of whom have lived in Venezuela

Secretary of State Kerry in talks with Venezuela FM

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry is speaking with Venezuela's foreign minister as the two countries work to repair their relationship. Kerry called Venezuelan Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez on the phone Tues-

day. Roberta Jacobson, the top U.S. diplomat for Latin America, said the call was an attempt to keep the lines of communication open between the countries. Relations reached a low point this year when Presi-

dent Nicolas Maduro accused the U.S. of working to overthrow him, and the U.S. said his government engages in undemocratic practices. Jacobson said Kerry expressed concern about individuals jailed for politi-

cal reasons in Venezuela, including prominent opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez. Lopez has been jailed for 19 months and a verdict in his case is expected Thursday. Last week, Kerry met with Lopez's wife, Lilian Tintori. □

LATIN BRIEFS

Ecuador says to shut down press freedom group

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Ecuador's government has initiated proceedings to shut down the South American nation's sole remaining press freedom group. It accuses Fundamedios of political partisanship. Fundamedios director Cesar Ricuarte said Wednesday that the watchdog group was notified Tuesday in a letter from the Communications Secretariat. Ricuarte said Fundamedios was targeted for unflaggingly denouncing government attacks on Ecuadorean journalists. The letter says the organization's publication of blogs with political analysis and opinion are what make it partisan. Ricuarte called the accusation absurd. He said the government gave the group 10 days to respond. The Associated Press called the Communications Secretariat and was told no one there would have any comment. □

President Morales expected to seek 4th term in Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — President Evo Morales' backers are seeking to amend Bolivia's constitution so he can run for re-election in 2020. The plan finalized Tuesday night comes just eight months after Bolivia's first indigenous president won a third term. Morales' backers control the two-thirds of congress needed to pass the legislation. After that, voters would decide in a referendum. Farmworkers union leader Gustavo Aliaga said Wednesday that the bill will be sent to congress next week. Morales told reporters Monday that he backs the referendum. Former President Jorge Quiroga says it will create a monarchy. Morales' approval rating in the latest polls tops 50 percent. But he is beginning to grapple with economic woes owing to Bolivia's heavy dependence on exports of natural gas and minerals, which are fetching lower prices. □

Puerto Rico unveils fiscal reform plan, braces for cuts

DANICA COTO

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Puerto Rico is bracing for widespread spending cuts after the government released a long-awaited

new hires, salary increases and collective bargaining agreements.

Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla acknowledged in a televised address that Puerto Ricans already

of this year if action is not taken and warned that the government would face a liquidity crunch next year if the plan is not implemented.

It is unclear how creditors

as scheduled because it could affect essential services. Officials warned that a compromise with creditors is needed to avoid what they called a disorderly default and legal morass. "The plan itself will not get us out of the hole we find ourselves in," Garcia said. "It's time that creditors come to the table and share in the sacrifice."

One of the plan's main proposals is the creation of a control board, whose five members would be appointed by the governor but would take into account suggestions from creditors and potentially the federal government. The board would oversee implementation of the plan and have oversight of most public corporations including the Government Development Bank, but not the power or water and sewer companies.

The group suggested that the board could impose sanctions, including a ban on entering into contracts, automatic expense cuts and automatic hiring freezes if the government does not comply with the plan. Among the other proposals in the nearly 80-page plan are government investment in public-private partnerships, creation of an earned income tax credit, reduction of nominal corporate tax rates and a 10-year waiver from future minimum wage increases for workers younger than 25 to help increase the number of job offers. □



New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo greets a bystander during a visit to a local market in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Cuomo and a delegation of top state officials met with Puerto Rico's Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla this week to develop what he called a historic partnership with the U.S. territory to help it emerge from a deepening economic crisis. (AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

ed fiscal reform plan on Wednesday that would reduce much of the island's \$72 billion public debt and calls for restructuring the remainder at the expense of bondholders.

The five-year plan proposes that the government cut subsidies to municipalities and the University of Puerto Rico, offer early retirement and reorganize or merge state agencies. It also calls on the government to extend until 2021 legislation that would freeze

have had to endure new taxes, an increase in utility bills and layoffs during a nearly decade-long economic stagnation.

"Our island faces an unprecedented fiscal and economic crisis," he said. "We have asked our people for many sacrifices."

During a background briefing late Tuesday, members of the group that worked on the plan said Puerto Rico's Government Development Bank would run out of money by the end

and bondholders will react to the plan, which addresses only \$47 billion of the island's public debt and still requires approval by Puerto Rico's legislature and governor. Garcia has said the \$72 billion public debt is unpayable and needs restructuring.

Even if the plan is implemented, officials warned the government would still face a \$14 billion financing gap from 2016 to 2020, and that it would not be able to meet debt payments

Brazil taxi drivers protest Uber in Sao Paulo

SAO PAULO (AP) — Thousands of taxi drivers blocked streets and avenues in Brazil's largest city on Wednesday to protest against the Uber ride-sharing service.

The protest took place before the required second vote by Sao Paulo's city council on a measure that would ban Uber in the city of 12 million. The city council's press office said a vote was not expected until early Wednesday night.

Mayor Fernando Haddad would have to ratify the

measure before it takes effect.

In its first vote on June 30, the council voted 48-1 to prohibit the use of smartphone-based services such as Uber.

Rio de Janeiro's city council has banned Uber, but Mayor Eduardo Paes must still ratify it.

Uber has been banned in Brasilia and Belo Horizonte, the only other two cities where the service is present.

If the measure goes into effect, Sao Paulo Uber driv-

ers who ignore the ban can be fined 1,700 reais (\$447) and have their cars confiscated.

The service has drawn increasing use since last year's World Cup of soccer, with many of its cars cleaner and newer than those of regular cabs.

Cab drivers complain Uber is unfair competition because its drivers don't have to pay city fees or undergo official inspections.

To prevent the expansion of Uber elsewhere in the country, city councils in at

least another 13 state capitals have laws pending approval to ban the service.

In Maceio, capital of the northeastern state of Alagoas, city councilman Galba Netto recently told reporters: "We are trying to prevent a future problem, because the arrival of Uber in our city would be a disaster."

On its Facebook page, Uber said people "who cross the city every day have the right to choose how they will travel the streets of Sao Paulo." □



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Tooting his horn all around town:

Rabbi to Blow Shofar Throughout the Island on Jewish New Year

ORANJESTAD - Powerful blasts will echo throughout Aruba as Chabad Rabbi Ahron Blasberg blows the shofar, a ram's horn, for Jews across the Island to celebrate the Jewish New Year this week. Blowing through the shofar's narrow end like a trumpet, Rabbi Blasberg will herald the beginning of the Jewish New Year, called Rosh Hashanah. The shofar is the central symbol of the holiday, which is celebrated near the beginning of each fall. Synagogues blast the shofar every day for a month leading up to the holiday, culminating with a sequence of 100 blasts during the Rosh Hashanah services -this year on September

14 and 15. In order to sound the shofar for all Jews, Rabbi Blasberg will blow the shofar on September 14 first at the Playa Linda, Members Lounge at 11.30am and later at the beach behind the Playa Linda Resort at 6pm. All are invited to hear this powerful performance and fulfill one of Rosh Hashana's most important observances. "The blast of the shofar is a powerful call to repentance, and the opening act to one of the happiest times of a new year," said Rabbi Ahron Blasberg, who will blow the shofar for the community. "Jews all over the world are going to hear the Shofar, and I invite all those in Aruba to witness



this meaningful alert to the season!"

This year's observance brings added significance as Jewish communities worldwide celebrate the year of Hakhel, a time to promote Jewish unity and learning. Throughout the year Jewish synagogues and organizations will host communal gatherings for men, women and children dedicated to encouraging the observance and study of Torah. The Shofar blowing is one of many Chabad Holiday programs, which give Jews the opportunity to learn the significance of Jewish holiday rituals and perform them with their families. "Wherever our family is, we make sure to hear the sound of the shofar and get excited for the year to come," said Sara.

"The shofar reminds us that while we should take the new year to improve ourselves and our community, we also have plenty of reason to celebrate what we have."

Other Rosh Hashanah programs include a Family Rosh Hashana dinner with all the traditional Rosh Hashana delicacies. The dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel on September 13 at 6.30pm. Please call or email Chaya to RSVP 592-7613 or Chaya@JewishAruba.com

If you or a loved one is shut-in and unable to attend services, please contact the Chabad office at

592-7613 or Rabbi@JewishAruba.com, and Chabad Lubavitch may be able to send someone over on the holiday to sound the shofar.

Event Recap:

What: Shofar Blowing and Tashlich ceremony on the beach
Where: At the Playa Linda Resort Beach
When: September 14th 6pm

About Rosh Hashanah:

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ticipation of executive director Ronald Leopold and advisory board member Joyce Overdijk-Francis, followed by an opportunity to meet and talk over drinks and snacks. The visit came about after program maker Tanja Fraai, who works in association with the WeCon-

nect Foundation, made contact with the Anne Frank House for her documentary 'A Kippah in the Caribbean'. The WeConnect Foundation makes connections between the current and former member states of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The life story of Anne Frank

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South Africa, during a quarter-final match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, in New York.

Associated Press

Federer, Wawrinka set up all-Swiss semifinal at U.S. Open

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Federer is back in the semi-finals of the U.S. Open for the 10th time. To get back to his first final at Flushing Meadows in six years, he'll have to beat someone he knows quite well: Swiss Olympic and Davis Cup teammate Stan Wawrinka. The No. 2-seeded Federer and No. 5 Wawrinka both won quarterfinals about as handily as can be Wednesday night.

Federer never faced a break point, compiled a remarkable 50-8 advantage in winners, and needed less than 1 1/2 hours to dismiss 12th-seeded Richard Gasquet of France 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 in Arthur Ashe Stadium. "No doubt about it:

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Spieth is world No. 1, but only for a week

Jordan Spieth hits his tee shot on the 17th hole during the first round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Friday, Sept. 4, 2015.

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In golf, being No. 1 does not mean being No. 1 that week

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Mass. (AP) —

Good news for the PGA Tour. The battle for No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking is so confounding that no one is complaining about all the points and projections of the FedEx Cup. Give it time. The FedEx Cup still has two tournaments left before it awards \$10 million to a player who might not have had the best year. Or might not win at all.

The world ranking?

That will be cleared up soon enough. For the moment, this is as bizarre as it has ever been.

Jordan Spieth made history Tuesday, just not the variety he would have wanted. There have been 61 changes at the top in the 30 years of the world ranking, and Spieth is the only one who got to No. 1 by missing the cut.

It gets better.

Rory McIlroy, who closed with a 66 at the Deutsche Bank Championship and tied for 29th, will return to No. 1 next Monday even though this is the one week of the season that the PGA Tour has no tournament. That gives McIlroy his own slice of world ranking history — a record third time he goes to No. 1 by sitting out the previous week.

Thankfully, McIlroy managed to provide a little clarity.

"It is what it is," he said.

Minus a tweak or two over the years, it is what it has always been. The world ranking is easy to mock at the moment because of the changes that are related more to when points are incrementally deducted over a two-year period. It's still based on results, just not the most recent.

Asked if he understood the math involved, McIlroy said, "I left school when I was 15, but I understand it to a certain degree."

Forget the math and consider the history.

During an eight-month stretch starting in September 1990, four players went to No. 1 by not playing the previous week — Nick Fal-



Rory McIlroy, from Northern Ireland, hits his tee shot on the 12th hole during the first round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Friday, Sept. 4, 2015.

Associated Press

do (twice), Greg Norman and Ian Woosnam. Perhaps the greatest episode of musical chairs was the summer of 1997 when Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Greg Norman were each No. 1 over three weeks. That was easier to stomach because Els (Buick Classic) and Norman (St. Jude Classic) won tournaments to get there. It doesn't always work out that way. Woods and David Duval traded time at the top of the ranking in the summer of 1999 when they met in the infamous "Showdown at Sherwood," an 18-hole match that was billed as Monday Night Golf. Woods, who had returned to No. 1 a month earlier, pulled away when Duval hit the straightest drive of his career, right into the rock formation in the

middle of the 16th fairway. Woods won, 2 and 1.

Both players took that week off from the tour and Duval went back to No. 1.

Duval's recollection of his return to No. 1 without playing is worth noting because for the longest time he had no recollection at all.

"The only way I can answer that is that it wasn't until a couple of years ago that I remember I went to No. 1 in August that year," Duval said Monday. "Just getting there and being there awhile ... you know, I didn't much pay attention to it after that."

Spieth knows the feeling. He got to No. 1 for the first time with a runner-up finish to Jason Day at the PGA Championship with a score that would have won all but two PGAs in more than

a half-century of stroke play. He recalls crossing the third-base line to throw out the first pitch at a Texas Rangers game when he heard over the loudspeaker being introduced publicly for the first time as No. 1 in the world. It was a big deal. McIlroy got there for the first time by holding off a late charge by Woods to win the Honda Classic in 2012. "The first time is always sweeter," he said.

Trying to measure golfers from tours on all six continents where the game is played is impossible. The world ranking does a reasonable job making it plausible.

The fact a player can miss the cut — two in a row, in Spieth's case — and go to No. 1 is no reason to blow up the system and start

over. And it would be rash to suggest that golf should be measured by one year instead of the current two-year formula.

Getting to No. 1 is no small achievement, and arguably more difficult than winning a major. Otherwise, it's little more than a conversation piece.

McIlroy has won seven times in the last two years with two majors in 2014. Spieth has won six times over the last two years with two majors in 2015. Over two years, it's a push. Over the last year, it's Spieth. Over the last three months, not many would argue against Jason Day.

"We all know who the best player is," McIlroy said, pausing to smile. "And it's not me."

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I think I played a very good match," Federer said. "I felt the ball great."

He won five consecutive titles at the U.S. Open from 2004-08, then lost in the 2009 final — and hasn't been that far again since. Forced to play in Louis Armstrong Stadium because of two lengthy women's quarterfinals plus a 1 1/2-hour rain delay earlier, Wawrinka eliminated 15th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-4, 6-4, 6-0. The match took 1 hour, 47 minutes in all, but the third set, in particular, was about as lopsided as possible: Wawrinka won 24 of the 29 points.

Wawrinka solved the 6-foot-8 Anderson's serve, converting 5 of 8 break points. Anderson had been broken a total of four times through his first four matches combined.

"For sure," Wawrinka said, "the best match of the tournament for me."

Most of his career, Wawrinka has lived in the shadow of his older — and far more successful — countryman, Federer. While Federer owns a record 17 Grand Slam singles titles, Wawrinka didn't break through with his first until the 2014 Australian Open. But Wawrinka added No. 2 this year at the French Open, beating Federer in the quarterfinals along the way.

Still, that was only Wawrinka's third victory in 19 career matches against Federer.

"Stan played a wonderful



Simona Halep, of Romania, reacts after beating Victoria Azarenka, of Belarus, during a quarterfinal match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, in New York.

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match against me in Paris, and I was very happy for him that he went on to win the tournament. He deserved it. He's been such a great player throughout his career. He always improved a lot, kept on working really hard," Federer said.

"Couldn't be happier to play him here, to be quite honest," Federer added. "Two Swiss in the semis of the U.S. Open — it's very cool for both of us."

Asked whether he expects

a vast majority of spectators to be pulling for Federer on Friday, Wawrinka replied: "Everybody loves Roger. He's the best player ever."

In Friday's other men's semifinal, No. 1 Novak Djokovic of Serbia will play defending champion Marin Cilic of Croatia. Djokovic has won all 13 of their previous meetings.

The women's semifinals are Thursday night: No. 1 Serena Williams of the United States vs. unseeded Rober-

ta Vinci of Italy, and No. 2 Simona Halep of Romania vs. No. 26 Flavia Pennetta of Italy.

It's the first time two Italians reached the semifinals at the same major tournament.

Halep and Pennetta ad-

vanced Wednesday by beating two-time major champions. Halep rested up and composed herself after the third-set rain break and defeated Victoria Azarenka 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, while Pennetta edged Kvitolova 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. □

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Hosmer drives in 3, Volquez tough as Royals beat Twins 4-2

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — Eric Hosmer hit a three-run double, Kendrys Morales drove in another run and Kansas City hung tough through eight more innings for a victory over Minnesota that ended a four-game skid.

Edinson Volquez (13-7) settled down after a shaky start to last seven innings, allowing six hits and two runs — consecutive RBI hits by the Twins' Brian Dozier and Joe Mauer.

Volquez had been hammered for at least six earned runs in three of his past five starts.

Kyle Gibson (9-10) also recovered from a brutal start to last eight innings, but the Twins' offense was unable to bail him out. The young right-hander allowed his first six batters to reach, and Hosmer and Morales staked Kansas City to an early 4-0 lead.

ORIOLES 2, YANKEES 1

NEW YORK — Chris Davis led off the ninth inning with his major league-leading 41st home run and Baltimore beat New York for just their fourth win in 19 games.

The Yankees began the day a half-game behind AL East-leading Toronto. They failed to take advantage of Masahiro Tanaka's 10-strikeout performance and Alex Rodriguez's



Minnesota Twins catcher Chris Herrmann reaches to tag too late after Kansas City Royals' Eric Hosmer hit a double to score Lorenzo Cain, Alex Gordon (4) and Ben Zobrist during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo.

Associated Press

30th homer — A-Rod has reached the mark in 15 seasons, tying Hank Aaron's record.

Davis homered for the sixth time in seven games, lofting an opposite-field drive into the seats in left. He was the first batter Chasen Shreve (6-2) faced after Tanaka pitched eight innings. Davis, like Rodriguez, is enjoying a resurgent season. The Orioles' slugger led the majors with 53 home runs in 2013, but hit just 26 last year and drew a drug suspension down the stretch.

BLUE JAYS 5, RED SOX 1

BOSTON — Troy Tulowitzki

singled in the go-ahead run off Alexi Ogando to trigger a four-run 10th inning that lifted AL East-leading Toronto to a 5-1 victory over Boston.

With the win, Toronto increased its lead in the East to 1 1-2 games over the New York Yankees, who lost 2-1 to Baltimore. The Blue Jays won for the 13th time in 17 games. Travis Shaw homered for Boston, which had its four-game winning streak stopped.

Josh Donaldson led off the 10th with a triple against Ogando (2-1), a towering

fly ball that appeared to hit the top corner of the Green Monster and bounced back.

After a review upheld the call of the ball not crossing the red line at the top for a homer, the crew reviewed and confirmed Donaldson was safe at third.

Tulowitzki singled past third baseman Pablo Sandoval. Chris Colabello followed with an RBI single, Ogando balked in the next run and Kevin Pillar had a sacrifice fly.

TIGERS 8, RAYS 7, 13 innings

DETROIT (AP) — Rajai Davis' sacrifice fly gave the Tigers the win in a game that was tied four times, the last at 7-7.

James McCann led off the 13th with an infield single, and Andrew Bellatti (0-1) couldn't pick up Jefry Marte's bunt attempt, putting runners on first and second. Andrew Romine laid down a successful bunt putting runners at second and third. Davis hit a fly ball to shallow left-center, but McCann broke for the plate and Grady Sizemore's throw home was weak and offline.

Kyle Ryan (2-3) picked up the win. J.D. Martinez put the Tigers up 7-6 with an eighth-inning homer. In the ninth, Tigers closer Bruce Rondon loaded the bases with two walks and a single. Evan Longoria lifted a

routine fly ball to deep left. Davis dropped the ball, allowing Kiermaier to score the tying run.

The teams combined to use 29 position players and 16 pitchers, 10 for Detroit, matching the franchise record set in 1998.

WHITE SOX 7, INDIANS 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Rob Brantly smacked a three-run homer for his first American League hit, and rookie Carlos Rodon allowed one run through seven innings to lead Chicago.

Jose Abreu went 3 for 4 — including his 26th homer and a double — to drive in two runs and help the White Sox win for the fifth time in six games. Trayce Thompson also had two RBIs. Rodon (7-6) scattered five hits, struck out eight and walked one in his sixth straight quality start. He is 3-2 in that span while yielding eight earned runs in his last 41 innings.

Michael Brantley hit a two-run homer off White Sox reliever Nate Jones in the eighth and pinch-hitter Jose Ramirez added a solo shot off Zach Duke in the ninth. Mike Aviles had three hits and drove in the Indians' other run.

Cleveland starter Carlos Carrasco (12-10) lasted 2 2-3 innings, allowing four runs, four hits and three walks in his first start since Aug. 21. □

Mets rally past Nationals 8-7 after Harvey struggles

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kirk Nieuwenhuis hit a tiebreaking, pinch-hit homer in the eighth inning off Jonathan Papelbon as the resilient New York Mets rallied from a six-run deficit to beat the Washington Nationals 8-7 Tuesday night after Matt Harvey struggled on the mound.

The Mets' second straight comeback win over Washington extended their lead in the NL East to six games. Perhaps making one of his final starts of the regular season, Harvey gave up a

career high seven runs on eight hits in 5 1-3 innings and left with New York trailing 7-1.

The Mets erased the deficit with a six-run seventh inning fueled by six walks and a wild pitch. The big blow was a three-run double by Yoenis Cespedes, who one inning earlier committed an error in center field that allowed three runs to score. Nieuwenhuis gave New York its first lead with a drive to right off Papelbon (3-2). It was Nieuwenhuis' fourth home run; the other three came in one game against

Arizona on July 12.

Addison Reed (3-2) worked the seventh and Jeury's Familia got three outs for his 38th save. With two runners on, Familia got Yunel Escobar to ground into a game-ending double play.

CUBS 8, CARDINALS 5

ST. LOUIS — Starlin Castro and Anthony Rizzo homered and combined for seven RBIs as Chicago earned its fifth straight win, beating St. Louis 8-5 in the middle game of a three-game series.

The Cardinals have the best record in the majors at



New York Mets' Kirk Nieuwenhuis hits a home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, in Washington. The Mets won 8-7.

Associated Press

87-51, but have dropped five of six. Their lead over Pittsburgh in the NL Central slipped to 4 1/2 games. The

Cubs are 6 1/2 back and are second in the NL wild card race behind the Pirates. □

How a tennis Grand Slam compares to other rare sports feats

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Two more wins.

That's all Serena Williams needs to complete the Grand Slam, a feat so rare that it has been accomplished just six times in tennis history.

Steffi Graf was the last winner, taking all four major tournaments in 1988.

Williams has already won four straight major titles, dating back to last year's U.S. Open, but she has never won all four in the same year.

"I don't know why it took me so long," Williams said after winning her quarterfinal match Wednesday night.

Williams would be the fourth woman to win the Grand Slam, joining Graf, Maureen Connolly and Margaret Court. Martina Navratilova once won six straight Grand Slam tournaments, but never won all four in the same year.

On the men's side, Don Budge also won six straight, while Rod Laver twice completed the calendar-year Grand Slam but never won more than four in a row.

Here's a look at some rare accomplishments in sports:

BASEBALL:

Throwing a perfect game is the pinnacle of pitching and hitting .400 in a season is the benchmark for batting, but neither are the rarest feats in baseball.

Major league pitchers have thrown 23 perfect games and 27 hitters have finished with .400 averages — none since Ted Williams in 1941.

Compare that to hitting two grand slams in one game, something that has happened 13 times, the last coming in 2009 by Josh Willingham of the Washington Nationals. Or an unassisted triple play, which has only happened 15 times.

Seventeen hitters have won the triple crown —

leading the league in average, home runs and RBI — including Miguel Cabrera in 2012. Williams and Rogers Hornsby did it twice.

BASKETBALL:

In the NBA, there is one mark that stands above all others: Wilt Chamberlain's 100 points in a game set in 1962.

The closest anyone has come to matching that was Kobe Bryant in 2006 when the Los Angeles Lakers star scored 81 points. Chamberlain's feat was no fluke. He holds six places in the top 10 scoring list, and 15 in the top 20.

Another rarity in basketball is the quadruple-double. Only four players have reached double-digits in four categories in a game: David Robinson, Hakeem Olajuwon, Alvin Robertson and Nate Thurmond. Robinson, Olajuwon and Thurmond all did it in points, assists, rebounds and blocked shots, while Robertson did it with steals instead of blocks.

FOOTBALL:

Only seven times has a player rushed for more than 2,000 yards in a season — the last coming in 2012 when Adrian Peterson ran for 2,097 yards.

And only one player, O.J. Simpson, managed to run for 2,000 yards while playing 14 games. All the others played in 16 games.

The 1972 Miami Dolphins remain the only pro team with an undefeated season, winning all 17 games they played.

In college football, Archie Griffin stands alone as the only player to win the Heisman Trophy twice.

HOCKEY:

Goal-scoring goaltenders — now that's a rarity.

Only 11 goalies have scored in NHL games, the first coming in 1979 when

Billy Smith of the New York Islanders was given credit for a goal after the puck went into the net off an opposing player.

The most recent came from Mike Smith of the Phoenix Coyotes in 2013 from a shot on goal.

Soccer goalkeepers have a much higher ratio of scoring. Rogerio Ceni of Brazil is credited with 130 goals in his career — mainly from penalties and free kicks.

GOLF:

The rarest shot in golf? The almost-mythical condor. That's when a player scores a 4 under on one hole, essentially a hole-in-one on a par-5.

There have supposedly been at least four condors in history, though none in official tour tournaments or on professionally accredited courses.

As for golf's version of the Grand Slam, winning all four majors in one season, only Bobby Jones in 1930 has done it. Back then, the four biggest tournaments were the British Open, U.S. Open, British Amateur and U.S. Amateur.

Tiger Woods did win four modern majors in a row, but not all in the same year. He won the U.S. Open, the British Open and the PGA Championship in 2000 and then the Masters in 2001.

No woman has won four majors in one year, but Babe Didrikson Zaharias won all three majors played in 1950.

HORSE RACING:

The triple crown in horse racing has only been accomplished 13 times, including this year when American Pharoah won the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes.

The previous triple crown came in 1978, when Affirmed matched the feat achieved by Seattle Slew a year earlier. □



Serena Williams reacts after beating Venus Williams during a quarterfinal match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, in New York.

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NHL players set for World Cup of Hockey; Olympics unclear

LARRY LAGE

AP Hockey Writer

TORONTO (AP) — The World Cup of Hockey is coming back, and NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman insists that doesn't necessarily mean the league will skip the 2018 Olympics.

"I don't think one has anything to do with the other," Bettman said in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday.

While Bettman didn't sound enthused about the idea of the league's players going to Pyeongchang, South Korea, he acknowledged being intrigued by the prospects of taking the sport to the other side of the world for the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

"Not to diminish South Korea, but in terms of sheer magnitude, it's not the same as China," Bettman said in the NHL's Toronto-based office.

International Ice Hockey Federation President Rene Fasel said hockey's best shot to grow is in Asia after establishing roots in North America and Europe.

"If we can make our sport strong there, we really will have a great future," Fasel said in a telephone interview.

Fasel said he is working on a date to begin Olympic-related discussions with Bettman and NHL Players' Association Executive Di-



Pittsburgh Penguins Sidney Crosby waits to be introduced as Team Canada's representative, during a televised event to promote the 2016 World Cup of Hockey in Toronto, on Wednesday Sept. 9, 2015.

rector Don Fehr.

Bettman, Fehr and several players attended a news conference Wednesday to promote the World Cup of Hockey, which hasn't been held since 2004. The eight-team, two-week tournament event will be held in Toronto, where the host Canadians will likely be a strong favorite against a field that includes the United States, Russia, Sweden, Finland and the Czech Republic.

"This is going to be the best collection of hockey talent that's ever been around in

this kind of tournament," Fehr said.

There also will be 23-and-under players from North America and European countries such as Switzerland, Slovenia and Germany — just to name a few — which raised a good question.

"Whose anthem will they play if they win the tournament?" Canadian center Steven Stamkos asked.

The NHL and NHLPA, which is teaming up for the venture, didn't have the answer.

Both parties dodged ques-

tions about whether NHL players will be allowed to compete at the Olympics as they have since 1998.

Players made it clear they want to keep going to the Winter Games every four years.

"Obviously, we all know the impact of the Olympics," said Sidney Crosby, who has helped Canada win two straight Olympic gold medals. "It's a great brand of hockey. I don't see one changing the other."

Swedish goaltender Henrik Lundqvist hopes that proves to be true.

"I think it's a great experience even if it's a long trip to get to the Olympics," Lundqvist said. "It's very unique and special. As an athlete to be there, it's tough to beat."

Team owners don't seem

to like shutting down their league for two-plus weeks in the middle of the season while hoping their stars don't get injured at the Olympics. But Fasel said a big-picture view is best for the sport.

"If you want to grow the game globally, you have to take risks every four years that some of your top players will be injured," Fasel said.

However, NHL owners will be exposing about 150 of their players to injuries and ailments just before next season by signing off on the World Cup of Hockey. The eight teams will be put in two groups with the top two in each advancing to the semifinals. The finals will be a best-of-three series, lasting no later than Oct. 1 of next year.

The U.S. will open the competition against Team Europe on Sept. 17 and the host Canadians will face the Czechs later that night at the Toronto Maple Leafs' arena, where all the games will be played. The Americans upset Canada in the first World Cup of Hockey in 1996, and the Canadians beat Finland eight years later.

Instead of arguing over collective-bargaining agreements or player-team issues, Bettman and Fehr have collaborated to make the return of the World Cup of Hockey a reality.

"Finally, we're working together and that's very important and bodes well to our long-term relationship," Bettman said at the news conference. □

Tom Dumoulin wins Vuelta stage 17 time trial, leads overall

BURGOS, Spain (AP) — Tom Dumoulin of Netherlands won the individual time-trial in the Spanish Vuelta on Wednesday to reclaim the race leader's red jersey on the 17th stage.

The tall, 24-year-old Giant-Alpecin rider clocked 46 minutes, one second, over the 38.7 kilometer (24-mile) course in and around the northern city of Burgos. He beat Maciej Bodnar of Poland by one minute, 4 seconds, while Spain's Alejandro Valverde was third fastest, trailing by 1:08.

"I am very happy with how

well this time trial went," Dumoulin said. "I am now a contender for the Vuelta, but the race is not over."

With four days of racing remaining, the overall standings are very close as Fabio Aru is just three seconds behind Dumoulin, while overnight leader Joaquin Rodriguez is now third overall and 1:15 off the pace.

Although the skies were overcast and some light rain coated parts of the road surface, making it potentially dangerous, Dumoulin was able to outpace all the other sprint

specialists.

Dumoulin said he expected the hardest day to come would be Saturday's stage 20, a 175.8 kilometer (109.2 mile) mountainous ride from San Lorenzo de El Escorial to Cercedilla that includes four category 1 peaks.

Thursday's stage is a 204 kilometer (126.8 mile) mountainous ride from Roa to Riazza including the category 1 ascent up Puerto de la Quesera.

The 21-stage Vuelta ends with a ride into downtown Madrid on Sunday. □



Apple stakes new claim to living room, shows new iPhones

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Apple staked a new claim to the living room on Wednesday, as the maker of iPhones and other hand-held gadgets unveiled an Internet TV system that's designed as a beachhead for the tech giant's broader ambitions to deliver a wide range of information, games, music and video to the home.

CEO Tim Cook and other executives also showed off two new iPhone models, a plus-sized iPad with detachable keyboard and updated software for the Apple Watch during an exhaustive, two-hour event in San Francisco's Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

Apple is counting on sales of the new iPhones to maintain its position as one of the most profitable, and valuable, companies in the world.

But it's the new Apple TV system that some analysts point to as an important step for the company as Cook attempts to build a business that doesn't rely so heavily on the iPhone.

"Apple is laying the groundwork for a broader living-room strategy" said analyst Ben Bajarin from the research firm Creative Strategies. Apple wants to make the already-important TV screen into an essential hub for communication and entertainment, he said.

"TV plays a huge role in our lives and it occupies an important place in our homes," Cook said during his presentation. He added that Apple believes "the future of television is apps" that deliver streaming video, games and other services.

For now, however, the

iPhone is still Apple's most important product. Sales of the iconic smartphone contributed more than two-thirds of the Cupertino, California, company's \$107 billion in revenue during the first half of 2015.

Apple announced Wednesday that it will sell two new iPhone models,

tions for apps made by Apple and outside developers.

"No matter what you like to do with your phone, 3D Touch makes it better than ever," boasted Apple Senior Vice President Craig Federighi.

Some analysts have questioned how compelling the

egories. In addition to the Apple Watch, introduced earlier this year, executives spent a large part of Wednesday's event showing off the new Apple TV.

The new TV box is a significant upgrade from older versions the company has sold since 2007. The new device has a more power-

already sell voice-activated TV systems at prices ranging from \$100 to \$250. Google makes a popular streaming video device, the Chromecast, that sells for \$35.

Still, even competitors say Apple's clout could change the landscape of the living room.

Apple's popularity will make more consumers aware of the latest streaming technology, while encouraging developers to build more games and apps for TV screens, said Matt Wuebbeling, general manager for Nvidia's Shield system.

Apple TV is unlikely to hurt sales for gaming consoles like the Xbox and PlayStation, however. For now, at least, analysts say those consoles still provide "hard-core" gaming enthusiasts with more elaborate effects and faster processing speeds than what's generally been available over the Internet.

Cook and his top lieutenants on Wednesday also showed off a new iPad Pro with a 13-inch screen, detachable keyboard and a stylus, which the company hopes will help turn around a two-year slump in iPad sales. Earlier full-sized iPads have had 10-inch screens. While Apple executive Phil Schiller said the bigger screen offers improved viewing for movies, the company is also promoting the device for workers who will use specialized business apps.

In a move that might have been unthinkable a few years ago, Apple even invited an executive from once-bitter rival Microsoft to come on stage and demonstrate his company's Office productivity software on the iPad Pro. □



Apple CEO Tim Cook discusses the Apple TV product advancements during the Apple event at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. Associated Press

dubbed the 6s and 6s Plus, starting Sept. 25. They're roughly the same size and will cost the same as the record-selling 6 and 6 Plus models introduced last year, which will now sell for \$100 less.

The new iPhones will have more memory and faster processors, along with a new 12 mega-pixel camera.

Perhaps the most noticeable upgrade, however, is the addition of "3D Touch," a feature that uses added screen sensors to detect the difference between a light tap and extended finger pressure, triggering different menus and func-

new features will be. Apple sold more than 183 million iPhones since the last models were introduced in 2014, which is 40 percent more than it sold in the same period a year earlier. But the company may be hard-pressed to show more growth, especially when smartphone sales are slowing worldwide.

"That's one big concern about Apple, that it's so dependent on the iPhone," said Jerry Kim, a Columbia University management professor.

Cook, while insisting there is room for iPhone sales to grow, has begun pushing into new product cat-

ful processor and updated software for running Internet apps and games on TVs, along with streaming music and video. It will start at \$149 and will be available in late October.

An integral part of Apple's system is a hand-held remote that can be controlled with a touch screen and voice commands, allowing users to request information and search for music, movies or TV shows by using Apple's electronic personal assistant, Siri.

Apple Inc. isn't alone in its ambitions for the living room. It's entering a market where rivals such as Roku, Amazon and Nvidia

Instagram expands marketing reach for businesses

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Instagram users have already been seeing more advertisements pop up in their feeds of artisanal cocktails, wide-eyed kittens and vacation photos, and

now they can expect longer video ads in the mix too. The Facebook-owned photo-sharing app is adding 30-second video ads and other features in a push to give businesses more ways to tap the 300 million peo-

ple who use it at least once a month. Previously, ads on Instagram were 15 seconds long. Instagram said in a blog post that large and small advertisers will be able to run campaigns on Instagram starting this month,

and ads are now available in more than 30 new countries, including India, South Korea and Mexico. More than 70 percent of Instagram's users are outside of the U.S. Aside from video ads, businesses will also be

able to use landscape-style photos, as well as a product called Marquee that aims to quickly expand a company's reach in a short time frame for things like movie premieres and product launches. □

STREET BRIEFS

Express Scripts: Paz to step down as CEO in May

NEW YORK (AP) — Express Scripts, the largest pharmacy benefits management company in the U.S., said Wednesday that George Paz will retire as its CEO in May.

Tim Wentworth, who was named president of Express Scripts in February 2014, will replace Paz as CEO. Paz will remain chairman of the company. Paz, 60, has been CEO of Express Scripts for 11 years and oversaw its \$29.1 billion acquisition of former competitor Medco in April 2012. Wentworth, 55, was the CEO of Medco's specialty pharmacy business before the merger. The St. Louis-based company handles prescription drug benefits for some 85 million people and manages 1 billion prescriptions a year. □

CSX: weak coal demand will slow profit this year

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — CSX railroad says it will be difficult to hit its profit goals in the second half of the year because coal demand is even weaker than expected.

Chief sales and marketing officer Fredrik Eliasson said Wednesday that CSX still expects flat earnings per share in the third quarter, but the 2015 forecast now calls for profit growth per share in the mid-single digits. Previously, CSX had predicted mid-to-high single-digit earnings per share growth in 2015 although the railroad warned in July that it would be hard to hit the upper end of that range. Eliasson says CSX has been increasing shipping rates, but total volume is down about 2 percent so far in the third quarter. Demand for coal and merchandise shipments has been slightly below what CSX expected in the quarter. CSX shares still edged up 3 cents to \$28.03 in morning trading Wednesday. □

Stocks fall as jobs data raise chances of rate hike

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NEW YORK (AP)** — A strong

dence that hiring remains strong and may prompt Federal Reserve policy-makers to raise interest

the most since records began in 2000, the Labor Department said Wednesday. A separate report on Friday

support that investors feel a bit nervous about what happens next."

Declines on Wednesday were led by energy stocks, which fell as the price of oil slumped for a third straight day.

Oil dropped on concerns that global supplies are still outpacing demand. U.S. crude fell \$1.79 to close at \$44.15 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell \$1.94 to close at \$47.58 in London.

U.S. stocks had a strong opening after big gains in Asia.

Japan's Nikkei 225 soared after comments from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe that raised expectations of more measures to shore up economic growth under his "Abenomics" stimulus program. The Nikkei rose 7.7 percent, its biggest one-day rise since October 2008.

Investors were also comforted by comments from China's No. 2 leader, who tried to ease concerns about its economic slowdown. Premier Li Keqiang said the nation's growth is in the "proper range" and Beijing has no plans to allow its currency to decline further following the surprise devaluation on Aug. 11.

Among individual stock movers on Tuesday, Barnes & Noble was a big loser.

The book retailers' stock sank \$4.50, or 28 percent, to \$11.80 after the troubled bookseller reported a wider first-quarter loss as sales of its Nook e-reader and digital books fell sharply. Its college bookstore business, which was the only unit to post an increase in sales in the quarter, was spun off last month. □



Build-A-Bear Workshop CEO Sharon Price John, center, is applauded as she rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell to highlight National Teddy Bear Day, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

morning rally for stocks turned into an afternoon sell-off on Wednesday, reminding investors that the market remains volatile.

Stocks started the day with sharp gains on optimism that policymakers in Asia will do more to help boost growth in the region. Japan's stock market logged its biggest gain in almost seven years after comments from the country's prime minister raised expectations of more measures to shore up economic growth.

The stock market then drifted gradually lower after a classic good-news-is-bad-news moment. A government report released at midmorning showed that the number of available jobs jumped sharply in July to the highest level in 15 years. That added to evi-

rates at their next meeting later this month.

By the close, the Dow Jones industrial average had swung more than 400 points from its peak of the day. The index had surged a day earlier, logging its second-best day of the year.

The report "poured a bit of cold water on the market," said Karen Cavanaugh, a senior market strategist at Voya Financial. "We will definitely have some more volatility, but that's part of a normal market."

The Dow ended 239.11 points, or 1.5 percent, lower at 16,253.57. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 27.37 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,942.04. The Nasdaq composite fell 55.40 points, or 1.2 percent, to 4,756.53. Job openings soared 8 percent to 5.75 million in July,

showed that U.S. unemployment fell to a seven-year low of 5.1 percent last month. If the hiring situation continues to improve it could potentially lead to higher wages and rising inflation. Policymakers have held the Fed's benchmark interest rates close to zero for almost eight years. The backdrop of low interest rates has been good for stocks, underpinning a 6 1/2 year-long bull market. That dynamic may change if signs of an improving economy push policymakers toward lifting rates for the first time in close to a decade.

"The Fed has been one of the main supports of the stock market and the economy," said Kate Warne, an investment strategist at Edward Jones. "It's not a surprise that as it starts to move away from its extraordinary

XPO Logistics to acquire Con-Way for \$2.72 billion

The Associated Press
XPO Logistics Inc. is buying Con-Way Inc. in a deal that will expand the reach of both of the transportation and logistics companies. The companies announced the deal Wednesday,

which is valued at \$2.72 billion, or \$3 billion including \$290 million in debt.

XPO will launch a tender offer for Con-Way's shares at \$47.60 per share. That represents a 32 percent premium to its closing price on

Tuesday. Following a successful tender offer, Con-Way, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will merge with a subsidiary of XPO, becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of XPO, Greenwich, Connecticut.

The deal is expected to substantially add to XPO's earnings in the first 12 months

The boards of both companies have approved the deal, and it is expected to close in October. □

Lockheed Martin says to cut 500 information systems jobs

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Lockheed Martin is eliminating about 500 jobs from its Information Systems & Global Solutions segment, as the defense contractor adjusts to changing government priorities and tries to sharpen its competitiveness. The aerospace and defense company employs

about 112,000 people globally, so the cuts amount to less than 1 percent of its total workforce. The Bethesda, Maryland, company said Wednesday the reductions will include voluntary and involuntary layoffs and will be completed by mid-November. The contractor is making

the cuts "to remain competitive in an extremely challenging environment where industry dynamics have shifted, customer budgets are constrained and competition has continued to escalate," executive Sondra Barbour said in a statement from the company. Lockheed Mar-

tin had said in July that it was reviewing options for its government information technology and technical services business, mainly in Information Systems & Global Solutions. The company said Wednesday that the layoffs weren't tied to that review but were part of a bigger effort to

align the segment with customer needs. The layoff announcement comes more than a month after Lockheed Martin Corp. announced plans to spend \$9 billion on Black Hawk helicopter maker Sikorsky Aircraft, as it seeks greater access to the military and commercial helicopter market. □

United CEO Jeff Smisek steps down amid federal investigation

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AP Airlines Writer

United Airlines abruptly replaced its CEO as a federal investigation continued into whether the airline gave preferential treatment to a former chairman of the agency that operates the New York-area airports who has political ties to New Jersey Gov. and presidential candidate Chris Christie. Federal prosecutors are probing United's ties to David Samson, the former chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. United Continental Holdings Inc. said Tuesday that Jeffery Smisek and two other senior executives had stepped down. Oscar Munoz, a railroad executive and head of United's audit committee, was named CEO and president. United began a direct flight between Newark, New Jersey, and Columbia, South Carolina, where Samson has a summer home, while he was chairman and ended it days after he resigned last year. United, the dominant airline at Newark Lib-

erty International Airport, was negotiating with the Port Authority over projects at the airport at the same time. United said the departures announced Tuesday were the result of the federal probe and its own investigation into the matter. Samson, a former state attorney general in New Jersey, headed Christie's transition team and was appointed chairman of the Port Authority by Christie in 2011. He resigned in March 2014, several months after the scandal surrounding politically motivated lane closures at the George Washington Bridge the previous September. Samson has not been charged with any criminal wrongdoing, nor have any United executives. A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey declined to comment on the matter. On a late afternoon conference call with analysts, United executives declined to say what the investigations have found and what prompted the shake-up. Smisek's departure comes as United shows signs of

a financial turnaround. It earned \$1.7 billion in the first half of 2015, a nearly

rocky integration of United and Continental Airlines. Smisek was chairman and

than Delta Air Lines to return to profitability following the recession. The criti-



United Airlines Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Jeff Smisek, speaks at the National Press Club in Washington. United Airlines said that Smisek has stepped down as CEO, chairman and president effective immediately and has named Oscar Munoz as president and chief executive officer.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

10-fold increase over the first half of 2014, helped by tumbling fuel costs. But Smisek's tenure was marred by criticism over technology glitches and a

CEO of Continental and took the same jobs with United after the airlines merged in 2010. He was under pressure for several years as United was slower

cism was compounded by several embarrassing computer outages, the latest in June and July, that led to hundreds of delayed and canceled flights. □

Army awards Indiana company \$428M ambulance contract

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — AM General, which two weeks ago lost out on a major Department of Defense contract, has been awarded a \$428 million contract by the Army to build Humvee ambulances for domestic disaster relief efforts by the Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard. The company announced Tuesday it will receive \$89.5 million to build 654 vehicles

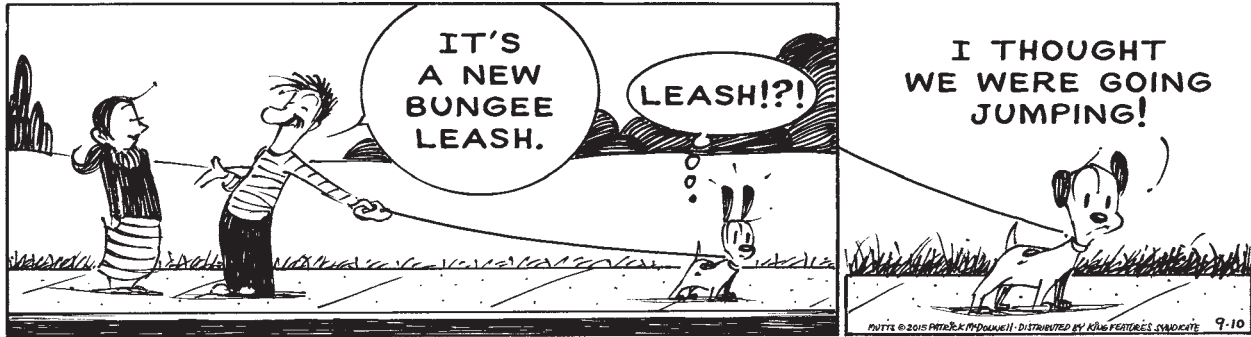
for the National Guard under the initial phase of the multi-year contract. The vehicles will be produced at AM General's plant in Mishawaka, about 10 miles east of its headquarters in South Bend, Indiana. The company didn't say if the contract would lead to an expansion of its workforce. The contract follows an announcement by the Defense Department that

AM General had not been awarded a contract to build a combat vehicle to replace a large share of the U.S. military's Humvee troop carriers. That \$6.7 billion contract went to Wisconsin-based Oshkosh Corp. AM General said Tuesday it will not protest that contract. The loss of the combat vehicle contract was a big blow for AM General, which two years ago announced

it was laying off 400 workers at its plant in Mishawaka because of unexpected delays in foreign military spending. The civilian side of the plant stopped making the Hummer H2 in 2009. AM General stopped making the gas-guzzling Hummer H1 in 2006. But the company announced in January that its civilian division would begin making Mercedes-Benz R-Class SUVs to be sold in

China, saying it had signed a multi-year contract with the German automaker. The SUVs began rolling off the assembly line last month. The company continues to sell Humvees to foreign militaries. It announced in July it was awarded a \$373 million multi-year contract to provide Humvees and spare part for Afghanistan, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Ukraine and Tunisia. □

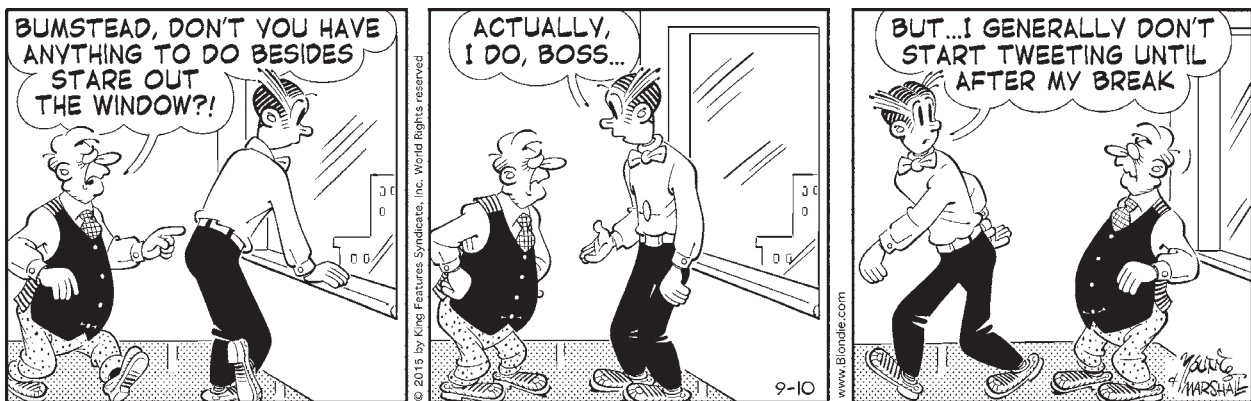
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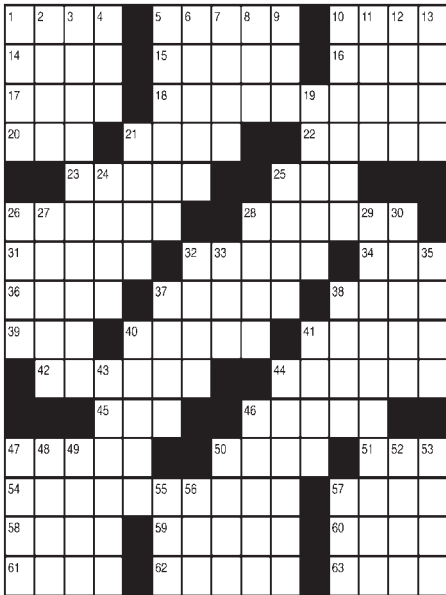
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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ACROSS

- Storm wind
- Egyptian dam
- Glasgow fellow
- Figure skater's leap
- "For __", sign on a rental unit
- Akron's state
- Mediterranean and Caribbean
- Sparkling
- Format used in e-mailing files, for short
- Young horse
- Nicholson and Nicklaus
- 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., etc.
- Doggy doc
- Writer Emily or writer Charlotte
- Summarizes
- India's currency
- __ on; have confidence in
- Hole-making tool
- European mountain range
- Planted
- Hunted game
- "__ whiz!"
- Vatican leaders
- Less vivid in color
- Sad; gloomy
- Cookbook entry
- Type of bread
- Warm jacket
- See eye to eye
- Goose's noise
- Monogram for Coretta's late husband
- Moving along
- Jelly __; colorful candy
- Vane direction
- Warrior's spear
- Hold __; keep
- Changes one's hair color
- "Lovely Rita, __ maid..."
- Worry; fret



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Inhale suddenly
- Chopped down
- Cicada's cousin
- Golfer Ernie
- Clinton's VP
- Convinces
- "Keep your shirt on!"
- Pack animal
- Hair bonnet
- Hyundai model
- Stylish
- Sty cry
- Clothing
- Kick out
- __ as a button
- Small bills
- Peddle
- Boast
- Reigned
- Regrets
- UK's legislature
- Use a broom
- Duplicate
- Be in the red
- Harp of old
- Feeling put out
- Fill a suitcase

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- Name on a check
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- Builds
- National park warden
- Explorer __ de León
- Ridiculed
- Hair color
- Baseball's Pete
- Helpful clue
- Overdue
- Recognize
- Shade tree
- Daniel __ Kim
- Derek & others

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Drilling boom means more harmful waste spills

JOHN FLESHER

AP Environmental Writer

CROSSROADS, New Mexico (AP) —

Carl Johnson and son Justin, who have complained for years about spills of oilfield wastewater where they raise cattle in the high plains of New Mexico, stroll across a 1 1/2-acre patch of sandy soil — lifeless, save for a scattering of stunted weeds.

Five years ago, a broken pipe soaked the land with as much as 420,000 gallons (1.6 million liters) of wastewater, a salty drilling byproduct that killed the shrubs and grass. It was among dozens of spills that have damaged the Johnsons' grazing lands and made them worry about their groundwater.

"If we lose our water," Justin Johnson said, "that ruins our ranch."

Their plight illustrates a side effect of oil and gas production that has worsened with the past decade's drilling boom: spills of wastewater that foul the land, kill wildlife and threaten freshwater supplies.

An Associated Press analysis of data from leading oil- and gas-producing states found more than 175 million gallons (662 million liters) of wastewater spilled from 2009 to 2014 in incidents involving ruptured pipes, overflowing storage tanks and even deliberate dumping. There were some 21,651 individual spills. The numbers are incomplete because many releases go unreported.

Though oil spills get more attention, wastewater spills can be more damaging. Microbes in soil eventually degrade spilled oil. Not so with wastewater — also known as brine, produced water or saltwater. Unless thoroughly cleansed, salt-

saturated land dries up. Trees die. Crops cannot take root.

"Oil spills may look bad, but we know how to clean them up," said Kerry Sublette, a University of Tulsa environmental engineer. "Brine spills are much more difficult."

In addition to extreme salinity, the fluids often

U.S. onshore oil production. In 2009, there were 2,470 reported spills in the 11 states; by 2014, the total was 4,643. The amount spilled doubled from 21.1 million gallons (79.9 million liters) in 2009 to 43 million gallons (162.8 million liters) in 2013.

Industry groups said waste is often recovered during

fluids and chemicals injected to crack open rock — the process known as hydraulic fracturing. Production of methane gas from coal deposits also generates wastewater, but it is less salty and harmful.

The spills usually occur as oil and gas are channeled to metal tanks for separation from the wastewater, and

a tributary. Cleanup costs approached \$2 million. Two larger spills since then scoured vegetation along an almost 2-mile stretch.

— Wastewater from pits seeped beneath a 6,000-acre cotton and nut farm near Bakersfield, California, and contaminated groundwater. Oil giant Aera Energy was ordered in 2009 to pay \$9 million to grower Fred Starrh, who had to remove 2,000 acres from production.

— Brine leaks exceeding 40 million gallons on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana polluted a river, private wells and the municipal water system in Poplar. "It was undrinkable," said resident Donna Whitmer. "If you shook it up, it'd look all orange." Under a 2012 settlement, oil companies agreed to monitor the town's water supply and pay \$320,000 for improvements, including new wells.

The loudest whistleblowers about spills are often property owners, who must allow drilling access to their land if they don't own the mineral rights.

"Most ranchers are very attached to the land," said Jeff Henry, president of the Osage County Cattleman's Association in Oklahoma. "It's where we derive our income, raise our families."

Some are reluctant to complain about an industry that is the economic backbone of their communities.

"If they treat us right, we're all friends of oil," said Mike Artz, a grower in North Dakota's Bottineau County who lost a five-acre barley crop in 2013 after a saltwater pipeline rupture. "But right now, it's just a horse running without the bridle." □



In this April 24, 2015 photo, Carl Johnson examines a pasture near Crossroads, N.M., where an oilfield wastewater spill killed vegetation.

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contain heavy metals such as arsenic and mercury. Some ranchers said they have lost cattle that lapped up the liquids or ate tainted grass.

"They get real thin. It messes them up," said Melvin Reed of Shidler, Oklahoma. "Sometimes you just have to shoot them."

The AP obtained data from Texas, North Dakota, California, Alaska, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Kansas, Utah and Montana — states that account for more than 90 percent of

cleanups, although some can soak into the ground. "You're going to have spills in an industrial society," said Katie Brown, spokeswoman for Energy In Depth, a research arm of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. "But there are programs in place to reduce them."

Concentrated brine, much saltier than seawater, exists in rock thousands of feet underground. When oil and gas are pumped to the surface, the water comes up too, along with

the water is delivered to a disposal site — usually an injection well that pumps it back underground. Pipelines, tank trucks and pits are involved.

Equipment malfunctions or human error cause most spills, according to state reports reviewed by the AP. Though no full accounting of damage exists, the scope is sketched out in a sampling of incidents:

— In North Dakota, a spill of nearly 1 million gallons in 2006 caused a massive die-off of fish and plants in the Yellowstone River and



In this Feb. 22, 2015 file photo, Eddie Murphy presents the award for best original screenplay at the Oscars on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

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Chris Rock, Kathy Griffin to honor Eddie Murphy for humor

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chris Rock, Kathy Griffin, Arsenio Hall and other comedians will perform next month in honor of Eddie Murphy as he receives the nation's top prize for humor at the Kennedy Center in Washington. The Kennedy Center announced the lineup Wednesday and the stars will salute Murphy on Oct. 18 with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

The performers include Dave Chappelle, Trevor Noah and Whitney Cummings, as well as stars from "Saturday Night Live" where Murphy had his early breakout. Jay Pharoah, Kevin Nealon and Joe Piscopo from "SNL" are slated to join. The tribute show will be broadcast Nov. 23 on PBS. The humor prize honors those who influence society in the tradition of Samuel Clemens, the writer and satirist known as Mark Twain. □

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ellie Goulding won't just be performing at the NFL's season kickoff concert. The British singer-songwriter will also be using it as an opportunity to learn more about American football.

"I know so little," she said Tuesday during a phone interview after arriving in San Francisco. "I know the Super Bowl is being held here. I know that it's a huge thing. See, sport is big in the U.K. I'm quite into the English version of football. I support Chelsea, but it's on a whole difference scale here."

Goulding and rock band Train are performing Thursday at Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco's Embarcadero district before the Pittsburgh Steelers take on the New England Patriots at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass.

The concert is being held in San Francisco as part of the season-long celebration of Super Bowl 50, which will be hosted in the Bay Area

on Feb. 7.

Other past performers at the NFL season opener have included Taylor Swift, Mariah Carey, Usher, Keith Urban and Kid Rock.

"It's still crazy to me that I get asked to do such incredible things," said the "Love Me Like You Do" singer. "I feel like I'm still at that point where I'm excited to play an open mic night, so it's a real honor." Goulding was among the performers rumored to be singing the theme song to the forthcoming James Bond film "Spectre." However, Sam Smith revealed Tuesday that he would indeed be crooning the tune after previously suggesting Goulding was on tap for the gig.

"I don't know why he said that," said Goulding. "I'm happy for him. I root very much for other British artists. It's a really special time for us. I had quite a lot of fun people thinking it was me, but I was never the one who started the rumor." Goulding recently finished work on her next album,



In this June 2, 2015 file photo, Ellie Goulding poses for photographers upon arrival at the Glamour Women Of The Year Awards in London.

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which will be released in November. She said she's pumped to perform new music as she continues touring and playing festivals, such as the Apple Music Festival in London on Sept. 19.

"My voice is just so much stronger now, so I've been able to experiment and do more powerful things with it." □

New Nat Geo Wild reality series on veterinarian school

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new Nat Geo Wild series premiering Sept. 19 follows a group of students through rotations at the prestigious Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. As the animals and owners face life-and-death moments on "Vet School," families, students and teachers share their feelings. But it's not always clear whose tears are falling. In the second episode, for example, titled "Day One," Greg and Kim Herman bring in their 3-year-old English bulldog Millie, who has end-stage congestive heart failure and a 50-50 chance of survival. Because he is in such bad shape, the Hermans are asked what they want done if the treatment doesn't work: Should Millie be awakened or eutha-

nized? The family anguishes over a decision but chooses to give Millie up rather than make her suffer.

The first episode, called "Crash Course," starts on a lighter, geekier note as the production crew of four begins shadowing seven students around the Ithaca, New York, college. Dr. Carolyn McDaniel steals the first scene and teaches the first lesson, singing and dancing her way through "The Handwashing Song." The lyrics: "Thumbies, doing the fingers, clap, (twirl) fingernails, you're done." McDaniel tells the students it's "the single most valuable way to prevent transmission of pathogens."

Students featured in the series include Sam Dicker, Singen Elliott, Aziza Glass and Aria Hill, who graduated in May. The others are Hannah Brodlie, Cristina Bustamante and Dan Cimino,

who are preparing for their second year. Jenna Apostol was the executive producer for the first season and Nat Geo Wilde has options for two more seasons. The students were paid nominally for their appearances. Glass, 27, said she still hasn't decided if she wants to be a hands-on vet or a research vet. She's actually taking a break this year post-graduation, volunteering part-time at a clinic in Waller, Texas, while making up for all the vacations, weekends and holidays she missed during school. She hopes the project gives people a newfound appreciation of veterinarians and how hard they work.

When asked why they want to be veterinarians, most students say something about their love of animals. That's a must, says the school's interim Dean



This undated photo provided by the National Geographic Channels shows staff anesthesiologist Annatasha Bartel, right, sedating Millie the bulldog in preparation for surgery in Ithaca, N.Y.

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Lorin Warnick, but a good vet also needs people skills. "It takes a person who has that connection and likes to work with people because all those animals come with people attached," the dean said. Cornell was glad to be asked to participate in the show and hopes it shows off

its students and helps raise the field's profile, Warnick said. Cornell's admissions are highly selective, and getting a degree there is not cheap: New York residents pay \$32,750 a year for tuition at the four-year vet school, while out-of-state residents pay \$48,050 a year. □

For Gere, playing a homeless man was a humbling experience

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NEW YORK (AP) — The last time Richard Gere walked into this bar, he did it as a homeless man.

Gere plays one in "Time Out of Mind," a movie that he shot almost entirely on the streets of Manhattan — in East Village back allies, among the trash cans outside Grand Central Station and inside the Houston Street bar he's returned to in order to reflect on an unusually spare and neo-realistic movie, one Gere has wanted to make for more than a decade.

"I really believe this was one of the things I was meant to do," says Gere, sitting in a booth in the back.

Inspired by the photography of Saul Leiter, director Oren Moverman ("The Messenger," "Rampart") frequently shot Gere from far away, hiding the camera from view to capture an unwitting city moving around one of the more famous faces on the planet. It was an audacious approach, one that, if successful, would only further prove part of the movie's point: Most of us are oblivious to those suffering around us. Gere (also a producer) and Moverman nervously gave it a test run

on the first day of shooting in the East Village's Astor Place, where the man forever linked to "Pretty Woman" begged for change with a coffee cup.

"As someone who would probably never stand on a street corner that long, it was an anxiety-ridden

realized no one was paying attention." They went on shooting unnoticed for 40 minutes, and the same lack of recognition continued throughout the production. "They could have seen Richard Gere if they looked into his eyes," says Moverman. "Here we are

unfortunate fate is teased out slowly and without sentiment. His backstory comes through only in Moverman's patient observation of his movements around New York.

The movie doesn't just capture George's story, though. It's a close-up of

"Are we all in this together or not, is basically the question," says Gere. "Somehow, we've gotten habituated to this idea that we're in our separate capsules. It's not true." Gere, a longtime New Yorker, first got a pass to homeless shelters 12 years ago. He's worked with the Coalition for Homeless for years and refers to his "homeless friends" he's gotten to know while researching the film. He took a lot of inspiration from the Cadillac Man memoir of homelessness, "Land of the Lost Souls: My Life on the Streets."

Getting to actually experience the feeling of begging, if only for hours at a time, Gere says, was more like being a black hole than being invisible. He could feel people avoiding him, going through an "interior opera" of guilt that he notes, ultimately "has very little to do with the reality of that guy on the street corner."

It gave him a taste of "how quickly we deteriorate mentally." "He was shaken by the experience because this is a man who for 40 years is used to being looked at and admired by most and paid attention to and showered with attention and love," says Moverman. □



Richard Gere poses for a portrait in promotion of his role in the upcoming film "Time Out of Mind" on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015 in New York. Associated Press

moment," Gere recalls. "None of us really knew what was going to happen. We thought maybe we would get five minutes before crowds started to screw up the shot, that I would be recognized and it would be over. A couple minutes into the shot, we

putting make-believe in the middle of reality, and reality is saying, 'No, that's reality. That's not make-believe.' It doesn't matter who it is."

In "Time Out of Mind," which opens Friday, Gere plays a vagrant named George Hammond whose

the soul-crushing experience of homelessness: the omnipresent assault of noise, the indignities of shelters, the sanity-shattering invisibility. But it's also a wider view of urban life where the normal occupations of people are going on all around him.



In this June 12, 2014 file photo, Jon Bon Jovi attends the Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards in New York. Promoters of Bon Jovi's upcoming shows in Asia said they are being canceled for "unforeseen reasons." Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Bon Jovi's concert tour in China next week has been abruptly canceled because of what promoters said were "unforeseen reasons."

AEG Live Asia declined to give the reason for the cancellation, but said in

a statement Tuesday that refunds will be offered for shows scheduled Sept. 14 in Shanghai and Sept. 17 in Beijing. AEG also apologized "for the inconvenience and disappointment that this will cause."

A representative for Jon

Bon Jovi shows in China canceled for 'unforeseen reasons'

Bon Jovi didn't immediately reply to an email seeking comment.

The Financial Times newspaper reported that the shows had been called off because the Culture Ministry had discovered that the band once included a picture of the Dalai Lama in a video backdrop during a concert in Taiwan in 2010, citing people familiar with the matter.

The ruling Communist Party is sensitive to any perceived support from foreign governments and celebrities for the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, who they denounce as a separatist.

A recently released video

shows Jon Bon Jovi singing a famous Chinese love ballad from the 1970s in Mandarin, adding to the buzz in China around this tour. Chinese fans expressed their disappointment and anger on social media, with some complaining that they had booked airline tickets and time off work to see the concerts.

Authorities tightened scrutiny over foreign musicians performing in China after Icelandic singer Bjork shouted "Tibet, Tibet" following a song called "Declare Independence" at a Shanghai performance in 2008. A concert by U.S. pop group Maroon 5 planned for Saturday in Shanghai

was canceled in July following a reported tweet by a band member about meeting the Dalai Lama.

The announcement of the Bon Jovi cancellations came on the same day as the Communist Party held grand celebrations in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa to mark 50 years since it established Tibet as an ethnic autonomous region firmly under Beijing's control.

China claims Tibet has always been part of its territory, but many Tibetans say the Himalayan region was virtually independent for centuries and that Beijing's tight control is draining them of their culture and identity. □

MoMA: 1st U.S. exhibition of Picasso sculptures in 50 years

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's Museum of Modern Art is devoting an entire floor to the sculptures of Pablo Picasso in the first major U.S. museum survey of his three-dimensional work in nearly 50 years.

From his earliest piece, a tiny terra cotta of a seated woman created in 1902, to a head of a woman made in 1964, "Picasso Sculpture" features more than 140 works on loan from private and public collections that showcase the scope, range and variety of his sculptures. They include his bronze "She-Goat" from 1950 and sheet metal and wire "Guitar" from 1914 from MoMA's own collection.

MoMA will be the only U.S. venue to host the exhibition, which opens Sept. 14 and runs through Feb. 7.

The Spanish artist was trained in painting, not sculpting. This allowed him to be "extremely free in thinking about what is a sculpture," said Ann Temkin, co-curator of the show. "The degree of invention in terms of material and techniques that he used introduced brand-new ideas that had not been involved in the making of sculpture" before.

His "revolutionary" ap-

proach had an enormous impact on other artists, she said.

Picasso, who died in 1973, viewed his sculptures as companions, keeping them in his possession during his lifetime. This partly explains why his 3-D works are less known than his paintings.

"He kept them in the rooms of his home and all the spaces of his studio," Temkin said. "They were his stuff while in his mind the paintings were something he made to be shown and sold."

Picasso created about 700 sculptures — compared with some 4,300 paintings. He made them in phases, sometimes with breaks of several years. Each time he resumed, he would begin with an entirely new set of materials and techniques.

Arranged chronologically, his exhibit begins when the artist was 20 and made more traditional sculptures — modeled pieces in clay or plaster and then cast in bronze, pieces that look "more like the work of someone like Rodin," Temkin said.

He quickly moved on and started carving in wood after becoming aware of African and Oceanic art.

During his cubist phase, he created sculptures from lumber scraps, cardboard,



Pablo Picasso's sheet metal and wire "Guitar" from 1914, is one of 140 sculptures from his entire career is shown during the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) press preview, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, in New York.

tin cans and other materials. "That was absolutely brand new," Temkin said, citing his "Glass of Absinthe," an edition of six identical bronze sculptures each hand-painted in a different pattern and incorporating a silver spoon and sugar cube.

Then, after about a decade of not making any sculptures, Picasso entered the surrealist phase — a burst of creativity that again "results in new shapes, new forms, new

material," said Anne Umland, who organized the exhibition with Temkin.

This was a new approach in terms of working with welding, the curators said. He also worked with assemblage, using found objects as in his "A Head of a Warrior," whose eyeballs are made of tennis balls from Picasso's tennis court. A Paris exhibition in 1966 first introduced the public to his work in the medium. "This is the moment Picasso agrees for the first time to

let his sculptures depart from his studio en masse," Umland said. "It's the first time the public has the chance to see the scope and range of his sculptures."

The following year, MoMA presented "The Sculpture of Picasso," the first survey of his sculptures in North America.

"Picasso Sculpture" is presented in collaboration with the Musee national Picasso-Paris, which lent 40 pieces for the exhibition. □

Lock details triumph and tragedy of climbing in 'Thin Air'

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Associated Press

"Master of Thin Air: Life and Death on the World's Highest Peaks" (Arcade Publishing), by Andrew Lock. After watching a slide show of Mount Everest in a small room in the back of a pub 30 years ago, Andrew Lock made a decision to climb the world's tallest peak. Thus launched a 24-year journey ascending and descending the world's most dangerous mountains, all recorded in "Master of Thin Air."

Not long after attempting Everest, Lock, always desperate for a new goal, decides to attempt summing all 14 of the world's

"8000ers" (mountains rising above 8,000 meters) and to do it without supplemental oxygen. It is this conquest that takes up a majority of the pages. Flights into Katmandu and subsequent puja ceremonies where climbers request favor from the mountain gods precede long treks into base camps and periods of acclimatization followed by grueling, near fatal summit attempts with a rotating cast of fellow adventure-seekers.

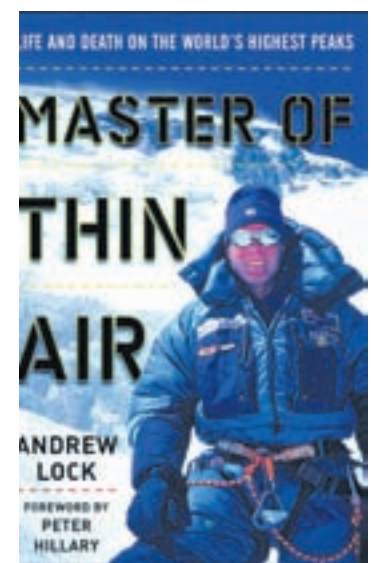
However, this mountaineer isn't simply a thrill-seeker. He is a student of his passion and passes along his knowledge of the craft to readers, breaking down

everything from the geographical characteristics of each mountain to what he carries in his pack. This detail combined with an explanation of the logistics of climbing enables those who stay planted at sea level to follow the narrative.

Lock is matter-of-fact in his accounts and openly admits to a lack of introspection. With that, the book is about his often successful, always dangerous climbs and little else. A scant few sentences early on chronicle a marriage and divorce, and another handful of paragraphs detail his life while not in nature. Aside from these brief de-

tours, each new chapter introduces a new peak to summit, beginning often with a brief history of the mountain and wrapping up with a return to Australia.

At times, Lock is sarcastic in his details concerning the ethics of fellow climbers and freely exposes the moral faults in those around him. To balance this, he also gives praise where due. No matter his intention, Lock's intensity remains constant throughout the book as he relies on a combination of experience, strength, grit, determination and intuition to get him up and down the Himalayas and beyond. □



This photo provided by Andrew Lock shows the cover of the book, "Master of Thin Air," (Arcade Publishing, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, Inc.) by Andrew Lock.

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Leaf-peep around New England for colorful history lessons

WILLIAM J. KOLE
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — New England's iconic autumns can be as much about brains as beauty. Some of the region's most stunning foliage is within striking distance of America's most storied living museums: places like Old Sturbridge Village and Hancock Shaker Village in Massachusetts, Strawberry Banke in New Hampshire, and the Billings and Shelburne Farms in Vermont. Here's how to hit them up before this fall's leaves are history:

ROAD TRIP

Tourism promoters have already done some of the work: They've mapped out a 275-mile (442-kilometer) "living history and rural relaxation" tour that starts and finishes in Boston, which is convenient if you're flying in from outside New England. See a Google maps layout at: <http://goo.gl/maps/z6QS>.

This is an ambitious tour — it borders on odyssey class — so give yourself at least 10 days to make all the rounds. Alternatively, you can skip a leg here and there and adapt the route for a briefer escape. This route takes in Sturbridge, Massachusetts; Woodstock, Connecticut; Westerly and Bristol, Rhode Island; and Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Other ways to combine a little learning with some serious leaf-peeping:

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE (Sturbridge, Massachusetts, <https://www.osv.org/>)

First stop, and a must stop, is this famed outdoor museum, which recreates what daily rural life was like from 1790 to 1830. You'll find sooty-bearded blacksmiths banging out horseshoes on anvils and a working farm with draft horses pulling plows. The first two weeks of October, which usually coincide with peak color in south-central Massachusetts, feature an Apple Days festival. There's spectacular color at Sturbridge itself as well as on the leafy country lanes leading to it. Or stray off the beaten path with a short hike along part of the Mid-State Trail (www.midstatetrail.org).

HANCOCK SHAKER VIL-

LAGE (Pittsfield, Massachusetts, www.hancockshaker-village.org)

Nestled in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts — synonymous with drop-dead gorgeous foliage — this cluster of 20 authentic buildings and barns crafted by America's finest woodworkers makes a stunning autumn backdrop. Wander the adjacent meadows and herb and flower gardens framed by majestic trees. Along the way, engage the costumed weavers and carpenters and learn about the Shakers' faith and simple lifestyle. On Oct. 3, local photojournalist Ben Garver will teach a workshop designed to help you hone your digital photo skills.

STRAWBERRY BANKE MUSEUM (Portsmouth, New Hampshire, www.strawberrybanke.org)

Experience how people lived and worked in this typical American neighborhood through nearly four centuries of history — and marvel at the traffic-stopping autumn leaves in coastal Portsmouth. Strawberry Banke originally was settled in 1630 by Brits who couldn't spell but sure knew how to build homes with staying power: Most still stand on their original foundations, creating an elegant setting for foliage photography. The hamlet hosts the annual New Hampshire Fall Festival on Oct. 10; the leaves may be past peak by then, but the



Fallen maple leaves carpet a lawn across the street from the First Baptist Church of Kingfield, Maine. New England's iconic autumns can be as much about brains as beauty, and some of the region's most stunning foliage is within striking distance of America's most storied living museums. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

craft demonstrations are garden tours will be worth it.

SHELBURNE FARMS (Shelburne, Vermont, www.shelburnefarms.org)

Vermont's Lake Champlain shoreline is one of the most stunning places for calendar-caliber leaf peeping. It's also home to this 1,400-acre working farm, a National Historic Landmark beloved by foodies for its artisanal cheeses, organic market garden, maple sugaring and mushroom foraging. Shelburne's 37th annual harvest festival is Sept. 19, when the wash of color should be approaching

optimal.

BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM (Woodstock, Vermont, www.billingsfarm.org)

Holy cow, this place is pretty. It's a meticulously restored 1890 dairy farm that's still in operation, nestled in the verdant hills of Woodstock, whose sugar maples explode in a brilliant palette of oranges, yellows and reds. Through the milking of the herd and the churning of the butter, you'll get a glimpse into Vermont's 19th-century rural cultural heritage. Lactose intolerant? Come for the foliage, stay for Forest

Festival Weekend, held this year Sept. 26-27; it features forest strolls, family woodcraft and other

HISTORIC DEERFIELD (Deerfield, Massachusetts, www.historic-deerfield.org)

Back in western Massachusetts, this authentic 18th-century village in the Connecticut River valley is known for its well-appointed museum homes with period furnishings. There are guided and self-guided tours of a dozen antique houses built between 1730 and 1850. If you're into demonstrations, there's dressmaking, tinsmithing, gunsmithing, silversmithing, shoemaking, cabinetmaking and open-hearth cooking, all done as they were three centuries ago. Don't leave without the leaves: A stroll along the Channing Blake Footpath (<http://bit.ly/1EDwhEO>) to the Deerfield River will reveal autumn vistas that will take your breath away.

If You Go ...

OFFICIAL TOURISM WEBSITE: Discover New England, <http://www.discovernewengland.org/>. Predicting when and where the foliage will be peak isn't an exact science, but there are interactive maps that do a fair job of tracking the color in real time. Bookmark <http://www.yankeefoliage.com/peak-foliage-forecast-map/> and check it often for updates. □



A covered bridge at Flume Gorge in the heart of New Hampshire's White Mountain National Forest. The gorge is a good place to see fall foliage.

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